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“From this day forth, the Ukrainian National Republic becomes independent, subject to no one, a Free, Sovereign State of the Ukrainian People.” – Act of Independence, Jan. 22, 1918

“The territory of Ukraine, divided over the centuries ... will now become a great united Ukraine. The Dreams, for which the best sons of Ukraine fought and died, have come true.” – Act of Unity, Jan. 22, 1919

A COMMEMORATION OF THE DECLARATIONS OF INDEPENDENCE AND OF UNITY

IN HONOR OF UKRAINE'S HEROIC FREEDOM FIGHTERS

Virtual Commemoration. The Philadelphia Branch of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America invites you to participate, by virtual viewing, in the annual commemoration of the anniversaries of Ukraine's Declarations of Independence and of Unity, which occurred on the historical dates of January 22, 1918 and 1919. Honor and pay tribute to all of the heroes that, both in those turbulent times and throughout history, fought and fight for the liberty, dignity and independence of Ukraine and her people.

RECORDED AUDIO-VISUAL VIRTUAL PROGRAM

[Viewing schedule and options, commencing Jan.22 at 12:00 PM, appear below]

The virtual audio-visual recorded program will first be available, on Jan. 22, 2021, at noon, when we encourage all persons to participate together. It opens with a Panakhyda Requiem Service and Commemoration Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, located at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery, in Elkins Park, PA, just North of

Philadelphia. His Grace Archbishop Metropolitan Borys Gudziak will deliver the Homily and His Excellency Volodymyr Yelchenko, Ukraine's Ambassador to the United States, will deliver words of honor and commemoration. Other honored guests and members of Ukraine's diplomatic corps to the United States will be viewing the service and will participate along with you in this virtual memorial event.

At his graveside, we will also honor the service and memory of preeminent Ukrainian statesman and diplomat Ambassador Lonhyn Cehelsky, the UNR's diplomatic representative to the United States who ultimately settled in and made the City of Philadelphia his home.

This emotionally riveting program will also feature the beautiful voice of Yuliya Stupen and the majestic music and song of the Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus of North America. Photos of prior years' ceremonies will be streamed as well.

VIRTUAL PROGRAM SCHEDULE AND LINKS

Let us all gather to remember, to show our respect and to pray ... we encourage everyone to view the commemoration together, on Jan. 22 at 12:00 noon.

However, if you are not able to join us at the appointed time, the program will be available to you for quite some time afterwards, as it is being hosted by the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America on its YouTube and Facebook Pages. Here are the links:

YouTube - <https://bit.ly/UCCATube>

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/pg/UCCA.org/videos>

Presenters: UCCA - Philadelphia & Ukraine's Embassy in the USA