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THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HOLODOMOR



Ukraine Remembers -The World Acknowledges

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**Solemn Memorial Service in Remembrance of Victims of the Soviet
Engineered Ukrainian Famine/Genocide of 1932-1933**

When: Saturday November 15 1:00 -2:00 PM

Where: The Paulist Center, 5 Park Street, Boston, MA 02108

Who: Concelebrating:

Rev. Roman Tarnavsky, Pastor, St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Boston
Rev. Jaroslaw Nalysnyk, Pastor, Ukrainian Catholic Church of Christ the King
Rev. Monsignor Roman Golemba, Pastor, St. Michael's Ukrainian Cath. Church
Rev. James Morris, Pastor, Ukrainian Catholic Church of St John the Baptist

Speakers: Mrs Anna Raniuk – Holodomor Survivor
Paul T. Rabchenuk, Esq. Committee Chairman
Zenovi Prots, President, Ukrainian Congress Committee

Background: The Soviet Government intentionally starved to death more than 7.5 million Ukrainians over the course of 500 days. To this day, Russia still denies that Stalin and the Soviet Government committed genocide against the Ukrainian people in 1932-1933. At the height of the Ukrainian Genocide, Ukrainian villagers were dying at a rate of 25,000 per day, while the Soviet regime dumped 1.7 million tons of grain on the western markets, exporting nearly 400 lbs. for every Ukrainian who ultimately starved to death. This tragedy was a direct result of policies introduced by Stalin's Moscow based Communist Government as a means of subduing and exterminating Ukrainian farmers, the most powerful anti-communist opposition and force behind the Ukrainian National Movement. These policies included a quota system where by all agricultural products within farming villages in Ukraine and in the Ukrainian Kuban were confiscated, including personal food from individual homes, followed by sealing the regions boards to prevent escape. The Ukrainian –American community of Boston metro area numbers approximately 100,000 people.

Note: The above event will be followed by a brief procession to, and prayer by the memorial tree planted in remembrance of the victims of the Chernobyl disaster on the 5th anniversary of the disaster in the Boston commons across from the Paulist's Center

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