

# ExpresSVI

Your latest news from 620 Spadina

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## Will you be our Valentine?



Our members, volunteers, donors and supporters are the heart of SVI. It's been this way from Day 1 and we can't imagine it any other way. Thank you.

Серцем Інституту є наші члени, добровольці та жертводавці. Так було з перших днів існування Інституту, і ми не можемо собі уявити цей процес по-іншому. Дуже Вам вдячні.

**Do you have a "love story" involving SVI? Or maybe you just "love" SVI. We'd love to hear about it at [svi@stvladimir.ca](mailto:svi@stvladimir.ca).**

### The Prut River Boys continue their annual Christmas *koliada* tradition

The Prut River Boys are one of SVI's most endearing institutions, spreading goodwill through four-part harmony, enriching community gatherings and raising funds for the Institute for more than 40 years.

This year, we thank Boris Balan, Ivan Franko, Victor Krisel, Mark Olynyk, Paul Slavchenko and Slawko Workewych for taking time away from their own celebrations to bring *koliady* to others. Their efforts and our members' generosity raised more than \$6,000 for SVI.

### So many committees, so much to do ... and so much better with YOU

SVI has a dedicated board of directors and staff, but it takes a lot to keep our operations and premises flourishing.

We welcome your expression of interest in any of the following committees: **Art; Bingo; Bylaws; Culture & Education; Facilities; Investment; IT; Marketing & Communications; Membership; Redevelopment; Revenue & Fund Raising; Scholarships; Staff Relations.** Please contact [executivedirector@stvladimir.ca](mailto:executivedirector@stvladimir.ca) for details.

## Did you know?

Monthly giving is one of the most valuable ways you can support your favourite causes. Your monthly donations to SVI will provide a steady base for our operations and reduce the "great unknown" of wondering when funds will be received. They help us budget for needed repairs and upgrades because we have the security of regular income.

Monthly giving can help YOU, too, by eliminating the end-of-year scramble to make your charitable donations. You can take the time to plan your support and you can adjust your level of monthly giving to suit your circumstances. And you no longer have to deal with the large output of funds that results from making single annual donations to your favourite causes all at once.

Donations of all types – monthly, one-time, memorial, honorary, bequest, securities – can be made to SVI through CanadaHelps at [www.canadahelps.org](http://www.canadahelps.org) or by clicking [here](#). Just choose the donation method that's best for you. Your charitable donation receipt will be generated immediately, or you can choose to combine your multiple donations into one annual donation receipt.

Monthly giving to SVI really is that easy ... and important.

### **We celebrated MALANKA 2020 in a winter wonderland**

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Good friends, old and new, gathered to welcome the new year at SVI on January 17. Our halls were transformed by a team of volunteer decorators led by Odarka Chudoba. Guests enjoyed a cocktail reception with silent auction organized by SVI and the Ukrainian Museum of Canada, Ontario Branch, after which they moved to our banquet hall for a welcome by SVI president Greg Hamara.

Fr. Bohdan Sencio, our long-serving chaplain, led the opening prayer, after which our MCs, Nadia Gereliouk and Roman Myndiuk, shared the meaning of various Malanka customs. Our chefs prepared a delicious meal and we were entertained by Folk Camp and the acclaimed "Accord" male vocal quartet of Ternopil. Dancing followed with music by "Orly."

We extend special thanks to the Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada - Sophia Rusova Branch for the donation of their dinner china, which we used for the first time at Malanka and which we'll use gratefully for years to come. We also thank Topper Linen and Uniform Service for sponsoring the linens used for the dinner and the reception.

### **Ми святкували Маланку-2020 у зимовій казці**

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Близькі друзі, давні та нові приятелі, зібралися 17 січня в Інституті Св. Володимира для спільної зустрічі Нового року. Група добровольців-декораторів втілила творчий проєкт Одарки Худоби, перетворивши зали інституту на зимову казку. Гості мали можливість поєднати витончені коктейлі, спілкування та тихий аукціон, організований Інститутом разом з Українським Музеєм Канади, Філією Онтаріо, після чого всі перейшли до бенкетної залі, де їх привітав президент Інституту Греґ Гамара.

Святкова вечеря розпочалася з благословення отця Богдана Сенця, нашого багаторічного капеляна. А ведучі, Надя Ґерелюк та Роман Миндюк, нагадали гостям про символіку різних традицій святкування Маланки. Наші шеф-кухарі приготували чудові наїдки, гостей розважали колядники Folk Camp та відомий чоловічий квартет Акорд з Тернополя. Вечір продовжився танцями під музику гурту Орли.

Сердечно дякуємо Союзу Українок Канади, відділу Софії Русової, за подарований Інститутіві гарний обідній посуд, який ми

Click [here](#) for photos of Malanka.



використали вперше під час святкування Маланки, і який будемо вживати з вдячністю ще багато років. Щиро дякуємо Torper Linen and Uniform Service за їхнє спонсорство.

Щоб подивитися фотозвіт з Маланки – натисніть **отут**.

Malanka photos by Carlos Garate



## CALENDAR of EVENTS

At SVI, we're proud to provide a venue in which everyone is welcome to attend, mingle, learn and share opinions. We hope to see you at our upcoming lectures and presentations.

### **Sunday, February 9, 2:00 pm:**

Opening reception for "Seeing with my Heart" - The paintings of Vera Yurchuk.  
Exhibit runs until Saturday, March 7, 2020.

### **Tuesday, February 11, 7:30 pm:**

"What's So Special about Galicia?" A lecture by Prof. Maxim Tarnawsky in English.  
Sponsored by SVI and TUGG (Toronto Ukrainian Genealogy Group).

### **Thursday, February 27, 7:00 pm:**

Workshop with Iryna Voloshyna. Learn centuries-old spirituals (*psalmy*), traditional spring calling songs (*vesnianky*) and spring ritual songs and dances (*hailky*). Suggested donation: \$25/\$18 Folk Camp Canada members. Registration: folkschoolworkshops@gmail.com.

### **Thursday, March 5, 12, 19 and 26, 7:00 pm**

Weekly singing sessions with Folk Camp Canada.  
Suggested donation \$10-15. Registration: folkschoolworkshops@gmail.com.

### **Tuesday, March 10, 7:30 pm:**

"The Suitcase Returns to Ukraine." A presentation by Maria Rypan in English.  
Sponsored by SVI and TUGG (Toronto Ukrainian Genealogy Group).

### **Thursday, April 2, 7:00 pm**

Spring singing workshop with Marichka Marczyk.  
Suggested donation \$25/\$18 Folk Camp Canada members.

For further details, click [here](#) for our Facebook page or [here](#) for our website.

If you have an idea for a future lecture, or if your organization would like to partner with us on something, please contact our Cultural Director, Lidia Smilka, at 416-923-3318 x.104.

**Thank you to our cultural programme sponsors:**



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### **Pickle Soup? Yes, please!**

The SVI chefs had us coming back for second servings of their Pickle Soup last week. This recipe will make a potful of goodness for 4 to 6 people.



- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1 cup thinly sliced green cabbage
- 1/2 cup diced onion
- 1/2 cup diced carrot
- 1/2 cup diced celery
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 2 cups thinly sliced dill pickles
- 1 cup pickle juice
- 5 cups vegetable or chicken stock
- 2 bay leaves
- 2 teaspoons curry powder
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 cup milk or cream
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Handful of chopped fresh dill

In a 4-litre soup pot on medium heat, warm the olive oil. Add cabbage, carrot, celery and onion. Cook on medium heat for 10 minutes, stirring every 2 minutes. Add garlic, stir, then cook 5 more minutes. Add curry powder, sliced pickles, bay leaves and stock. Bring to boil and then lower to simmer, 15 minutes. Add cream or milk, salt and pepper and fresh dill to finish.

У вас велике серце, маєте трохи вільного часу і вмієте направляти полонки? Інститут Св. Володимира потребує добровольців-різноробочих для різних невеликих робіт. Якщо Ви така людина, або знаєте когось, просимо зголоситися за електронною поштою [executivedirector@stvladimir.ca](mailto:executivedirector@stvladimir.ca). Щиро вдячні!

Do you have a **big heart**, some **time on your hands** to volunteer, and **the ability to fix things**? We're in need of a few good handy-people to call on for a variety of tasks when they arise. If you happen to be such a person, or if you can recommend someone, please write to [executivedirector@stvladimir.ca](mailto:executivedirector@stvladimir.ca). Thank you!

## It's a brand new year ...

**Your visionary donation can do any number of positive things:**

- improve and expand our cultural and educational programming
- improve our facilities for student residents
- enhance our library resources
- increase available funds for student scholarships
- provide long-term financial stability for our operations
- create a base for our redevelopment plans.

**Donations can be made online through [CanadaHelps.org](https://CanadaHelps.org) by clicking [here](#). Additional donation options can be viewed on our website by clicking [here](#).**

Charitable donation receipts will be issued. Reg. No. 11920-4451-RR0001.

*Thank you.*

**Visit our website @ [www.stvladimir.ca](http://www.stvladimir.ca)**

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