

*Rusin Association Presents*

# *Duchnovich Day*

*Saturday, February 7th, 2009*

*St. Mary's Cathedral—School Building—17th and 5th Street N.E., Minneapolis*

*2:00 - 3:00 p.m.—Annual Meeting—Election of Officers*

*3:00 - 5:00 p.m.—Lecture*

## *Battle of the Dukla Pass—by Bill Tarkulich*

The Battle of Dukla Pass, is perhaps the largest battle you may never have heard about. Fought in the fall of 1944, it raged for 50 days destroying entire villages and killing tens of thousands of young soldiers. The fighting occurred in a region predominantly populated by Rusin villages. At one time 60% of the First Czechoslovak Army was Rusin.

This presentation will provide a broad overview of the military and historical events, but the primary focus is to “put a face on the events” of 1944, with eyewitness stories from survivors.



Bill Tarkulich, a member of the New England Chapter of the Carpatho-Rusyn Society, lives in Lexington Massachusetts. His Grandparents immigrated from the Eastern Slovakia villages of Zboj and Nova Sedlica. While Mr. Tarkulich's primary research area is genealogy, with nearly no English-language information and conflicting opinions he was driven to flush out the facts of this event. Mr. Tarkulich has given this presentation to the New Jersey, Connecticut and Pittsburgh chapters of the Carpatho-Rusyn Society.

For more information on Bill and his work visit his website at [www.iabsi.com](http://www.iabsi.com).

*5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Social Hour followed by*

## *Ethnic Rusin Dinner*

*With entertainment by the Ukrainian Village band playing Rusin and Ukrainian music.*

Lecture only—\$5.00 (members and non-members). If attending lecture only you may pay at the door.

Dinner only—\$20.00 (members), \$25.00 (non members), Children 12 and under \$10.00

Lecture and Dinner \$25 (members), \$30.00 (non members)

Enclosed is payment for:

\_\_\_\_\_ Dinner tickets (member)      \_\_\_\_\_ Dinner tickets (non member)

\_\_\_\_\_ Dinner and Lecture (member)      \_\_\_\_\_ Dinner and Lecture (non member)

Total amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of those attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to the Rusin Association and send to: Polly Walker, 8926 Pine Bluff Ct., Eden Prairie, MN 55347

**Advanced reservations required for Dinner**

**Payment must be received by February 1. Tickets will be at the door.**