

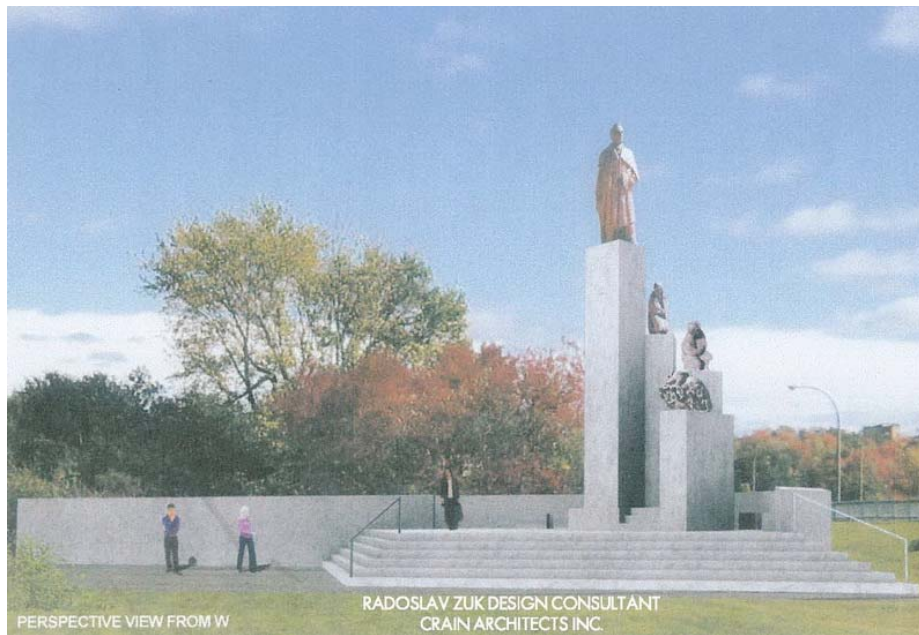


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To the Clergy and Faithful of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!



With this letter we, the Hierarchs of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada lend our support to the Shevchenko Monument Committee in establishing a monument to Taras Shevchenko in Ottawa, ON.

Briefly, the monument will consist of a 3-metre-high bronze statue of a young Taras Shevchenko atop an integrated granite base. The statue was created by prominent Ukrainian-Canadian Leo Mol and donated by his spouse Margareth. It will be joined by three bronze statues from Taras's 'Kobzar' – Kateryna, Haydamaky and Banduryst. The chosen site is on the grounds of St. John the Baptist National Ukrainian Catholic Shrine, next to a major auto-route and overlooking the UNESCO world heritage site, Ottawa's Rideau Canal.

The monument will be unveiled on June 26th, 2011, to coincide with the national commemoration of two significant events in 2011 – 150th Anniversary of the death of

Taras Shevchenko and the 120th Anniversary of Ukrainians in Canada. This year also marks the 20th Anniversary of Ukraine's Independence.

The monument to Taras Shevchenko will serve as a lasting legacy to our 1.2 million strong Ukrainian-Canadian community.

We call upon the faithful of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada to support this project morally, spiritually and materially. We bless the collection of funds towards this project and encourage all to pray for the successful completion of this monument which will stand as a testament to the Ukrainian presence in Canada and the lasting contributions that we, as Ukrainian-Canadians have made to the fabric of our great country, Canada.

With love in Christ,

+ **Yurij, Metropolitan**
+ **Ilarion, Bishop**
+ **Andriy, Bishop**

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Donations may be sent directly to:

Ukrainian Canadian Foundation of Taras Shevchenko
"Ottawa Taras Shevchenko Monument" Account
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