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## **THE GLOBAL LEGACY OF METROPOLITAN ILARION**

Over the past two decades there has been a major revival in interest in Metropolitan Ilarion’s accomplishments as one of the foremost Ukrainian leaders of the 20 th C. This interest comes from Ukrainians as well as Canada where a series of key anniversaries were marked in 1997, 2007, 2012 as well as other annual commemorations. During the anniversary year of 2012 the *Visnyk/The Herald* dedicated (a part of each issue throughout the year to a variety of articles about the accomplishments of this most important figure whose contributions to building a solid foundation for the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada have a lasting impact today.

### **In Ukraine**

In Ukraine major initiatives were started to honour Metropolitan Ilarion, among which the following are important:

**Kamianets Podilsky:** The Ivan Ohienko National University in Kamianets Podilsky was renamed after him in 2008 thanks to the major endeavors of Dr. Yevheniya Sokhatska. Metropolitan Ilarion initiated this university in 1919, and in honour of this achievement, the university set up two large busts of Metropolitan Ilarion, a huge portrait in the academic lounge, three text statements of his important quotes and images as the first president of the university. This university has dedicated Department, of *Ohienkontavstvo / Огієнкознавство*, or Ohienko Studies, calls for presentations and papers about him, and publishes the journal, *Іван Огієнко і Сучасна наука та освіта, or Ivan Ohienko and Contemporary Scholarship and Education*. To date, 9 volumes of the journal have appeared and some 400 articles have been published. Notably, Ukrainian Canadians have participated in the journal with articles authored by Rt. Rev. Dr. S. Jarmus, Rt. Rev. Dr. O. Krawchenko, Dr. Roman Yereniuk and Very Rev. **Bohdan Demczuk**.

**Lviv, Ukraine:** A street in Lviv was named Ivan Ohienko – вулиця Івана огієнка. It is in the centre located close to the Opera Theater and connects to the major artery, Horodotska Street, or вулиця Городецька.

**Vynnyky, Ukraine:** A bust of Metropolitan Ilarion was unveiled recently in the town that was home to his reposed wife, Dominika.

**Brusyliv, Ukraine:** This is the birth town, of Metropolitan Ilarion. The idea of a museum dedicated to him is being discussed.

**Kyiv:** A major international conference was held at the Kyiv National Avtaun University organized by Dr. Iryna Tiurnenko in 2006. The proceedings were published soon, after the conference.

**In Ukraine,** extensive scholarship about Metropolitan Ilarion has been produced by Dr. Yevheniya Sokhatska (Kamianets Podilsky); Dr. Vitaliy Kolodnyk (Kyiv), who has organized several conferences in Ukraine; Dr. Dmytro Stepovyk (Kyiv); Dr., Mykola Tymoshyk (Kyiv), who has republished several works by Metropolitan Ilarion in Ukraine; Dr. Iryna Turmentkb (Kyiv); Very Rev. Dr. Yuriy Mytsyk (Kyiv); Dr. Volodymyr Rozhko (Lutsk) and Dr. Yuliya Zayachuk (Lviv), who has written on his approach to educational pedagogy.

**In Poland,** substantial research about Metropolitan Ilarion has been carried out, especially his theological contributions by Dr. Hryhoriy Kuprianovych (Lublin).

**Winnipeg:** St. Andrew's College in Winnipeg initiated a special fund in the 1990's allied the *Metropolitan Ilarion Chair of Ukrainian Orthodox Studies*. This fund continues to collect donations to eventually fund a professorship. The College also houses the Metropolitan Ilarion Library and Collection of Rare Manuscripts and Books, while the Consistory of the UOCC houses the Metropolitan Ilarion Archives. The College has organized two major conferences with the assistance of the UOCC. The conferences focused on the legacy of Metropolitan Ilarion in 1992, producing 9 papers, and 13 papers in 2007. The proceedings of both conferences were published in the journal *Vira I Kultura*, vol. IX and XV.

**Saskatoon:** The Ilarion Residence, dedicated in 1978, a residence for senior in Saskatoon, is named after the Metropolitan. A large statue of Metropolitan Ilarion by sculptor Bill Epp, dedicated, in 1988, is located in front of the residence building.

**Winnipeg:** St. Mary the Protectress Sobor has created in 2002 a Metropolitan Ilarion Study Centre for commemorating his memory and works. Also, a dedicated memorial plaque with his image is located in the entrance to the Sobor parish.

**Toronto:** A conference was held in the Eastern Eparchy in 1997 to commemorate the 25 anniversary of his repose.

**Montreal:** Very Rev. Archpriest Volodymyr Kouchnir has produced a CD of music set to the poetry by Metropolitan Ilarion. He collaborated with a team of composers and singers in Ukraine and Canada, including composer Oksana Senkiw of Montreal, and arranger Oleh Shak of Kyiv. Fr. Volodymyr Kouchnir was producer. The official launch of the CD was in Montreal on Sept. 30, 2012.

**In Canada** various professors and graduates of St. Andrew's College have carried out extensive work on the legacy of Metropolitan Ilarion, including: Rt. Rev. Dr. Oleh Krawchenko, Rt. Rev. Dr. Stephan Jarmus, Dr. Roman Vereniuk, Very Rev. Timofiy Minenko of blessed memory and. Very Rev. Bohdan Demcuk,

These recent acknowledgements of Metropolitan Ilarion are a most fitting recognition of his legacy as an outstanding religious and lay leader in Ukraine and in the Ukrainian Canadian community in the 20th C. His lifelong motto was, «To serve God is to serve the people.» He truly followed his own «testament» believing faithfully that in serving his people-*narod* – in the various and diverse ways during his difficult road in life, he was also serving and honouring the Triune God.

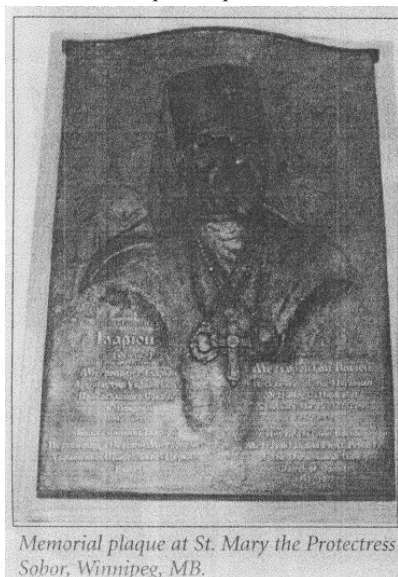
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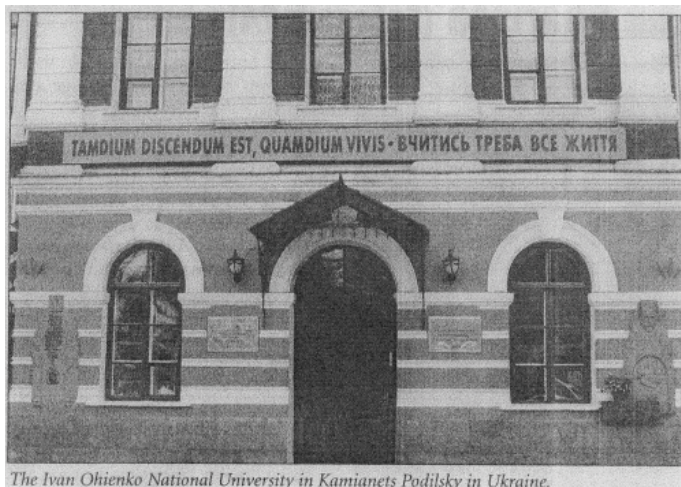
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*Memorial plaque at St. Mary the Protectress Sobor, Winnipeg, MB.*



*Painting of Metropolitan Ilarion inside Kamianets Podilsky University.*



*The Ivan Ohienko National University in Kamianets Podilsky in Ukraine.*

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