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“Our 80th Year”

1946

OUR FOUNDERS

Three Sisters with an Inspiration

Charlotte Bielawski Yess, Loretta Bielawski (Daunis), and Frances Bielawski Potkay

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- Met on March 17. 1946 with People of Vision, Energy and Purpose
- Venceslaus Bielawski, Helen Jasienski, Stanley Kostrzewa, John Krol, Stella and Edward Krupa, Edward J Krupa, Frank Krupp, Josephine Nyzio, Josephine Odorczyk, Helen Skrobiszewski, Lillian Skrobiszewski, Josephine Sondej, Valeria Wenczel, Lee Wojciechowski, Stefanie and Stanley Winowicz

Officers Then and Now

1949-50



2025-26

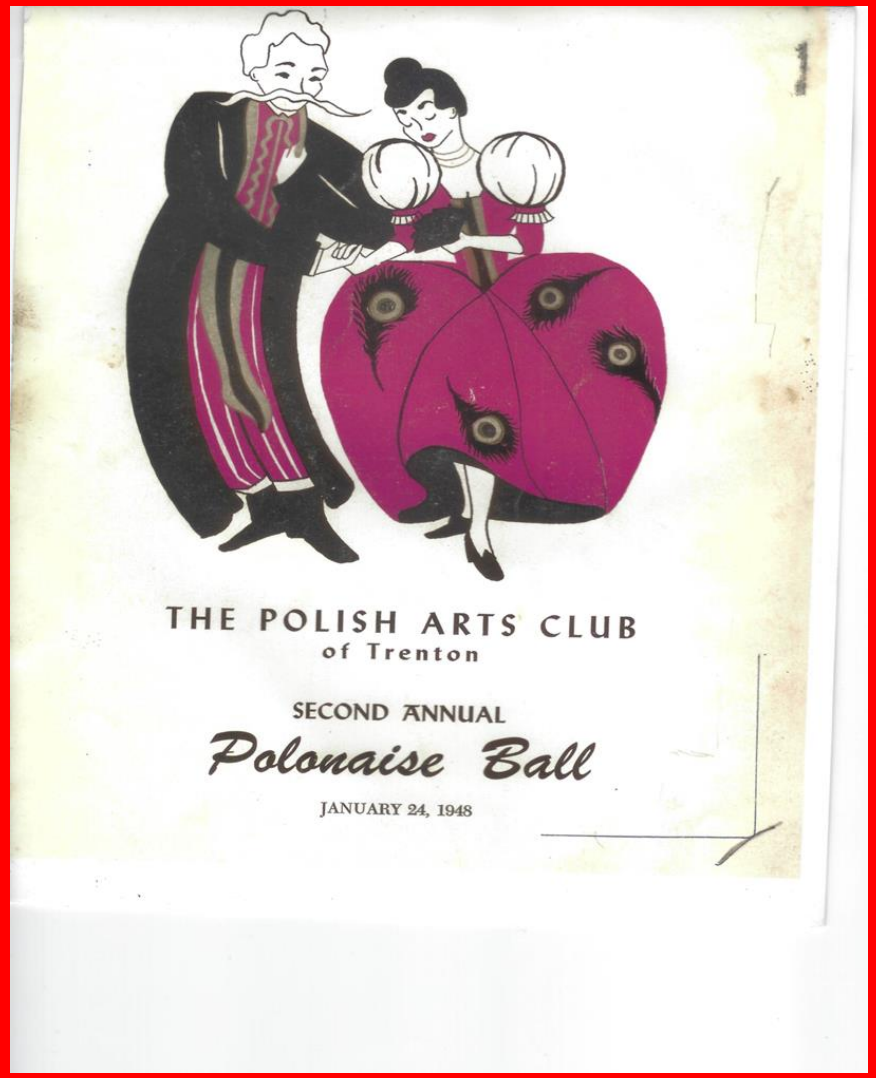


Polonaise (Grand March) Begins the Festivities Then and Now





“Our 80th Year”





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1947



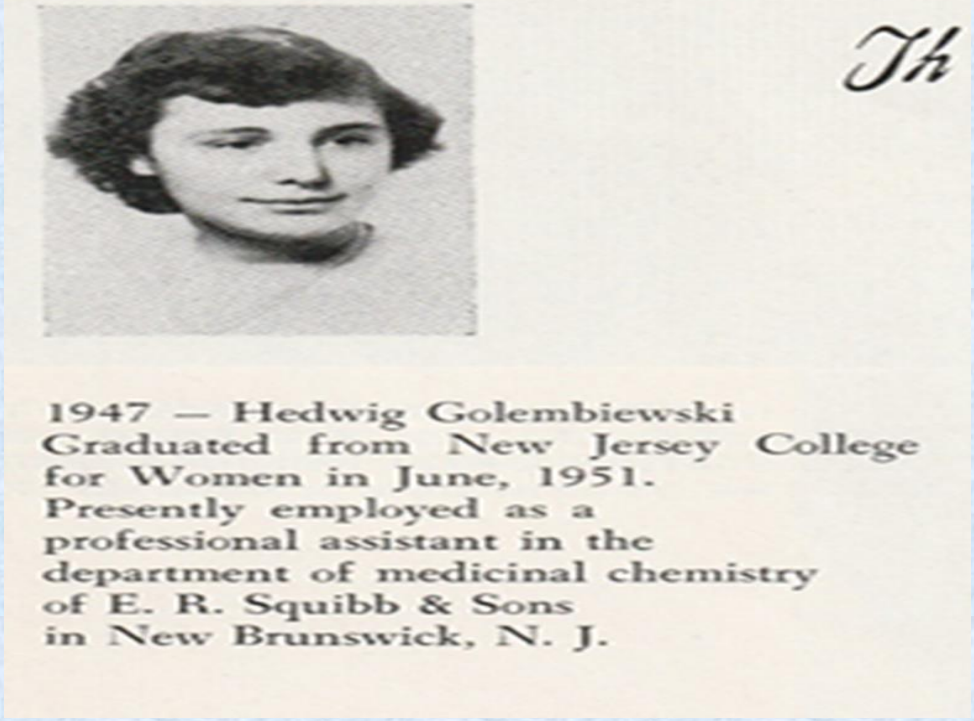
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1947

First scholarship - $300



1947 — Hedwig Golembiewski
Graduated from New Jersey College
for Women in June, 1951.
Presently employed as a
professional assistant in the
department of medicinal chemistry
of E. R. Squibb & Sons
in New Brunswick, N. J.

2026

13 - $1500 Scholarships

463 - Totaling $478,500



“Our 80th Year”

2025

- **June 2** Erin O’Brien - 2021 Scholarship Awardee
- **Sept. 11** Peter Obst - Edward Piszek
- **Oct. 2** Polish Donna Chmara & David Jose – Polish Customs & Holidays
- **Nov. 6** – Donna & David – Anna Walentynowicz
- **Dec. 2** - Wigilia

2026

- **Feb. 5** Donna & David –Poland: 45 Years After Solidarity
- **Mar. 5** Donna & David - Easter and Palm Decorations
- **Apr. 9** Mark Dillon **–** The Grey Samaritan Nurses
- **Apr. 26** Scholarship Awards & Honoree Luncheon
- **May 7** Fred & Natalia Brodzinski – St. Catherine’s Monastery, Mt. Siani
- **June 4 Elections,** Retrospective & Olek & Stasia Sing-a Long

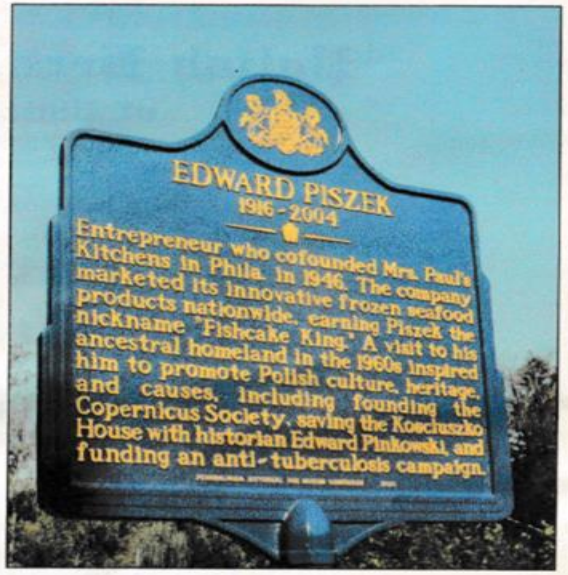
June 2, 2025
Erin O'Brien 2021 Scholarship Awardee





September 8th
Peter Obst led off with Edward Piszek (Mrs. T's)









Edward Piszek
(1916-2004)

In Philadelphia, Edward Piszek is remembered as the founder of Mrs. Paul's Kitchens Inc. a company that produced "heat and eat" frozen seafood meals. This brand became famous nationwide across the United States.

But that is only a part of his story. Born in Chicago, Illinois of immigrant parents, Edward Piszek became aware of his Polish heritage later in life and traveled to Poland becoming friends with Cardinal Karol Wojtyla of Krakow who later became Pope John Paul II.

One of his first projects in Poland (1967) was financing an anti-tuberculosis campaign that stopped an outbreak of the disease. This included 11 mobile x-ray units, ancillary equipment and support vehicles.

In Philadelphia, for the US Bicentennial in 1976, he purchased the house in which Revolutionary War Hero General Thaddeus Kosciuszko resided. Working with historian **Edward Pinkowski**, he donated this building, and the adjacent one, to the National Park Service (Independence National Historical Park District). This is now a museum called the Thaddeus Kosciuszko National Memorial.

Edward Piszek conducted a positive publicity campaign to improve the image of Poles in the United States ("Project Pole") in 1972. With baseball star Stan Musial, he promoted American baseball in Poland. He convinced the Little League international organization to locate its European Headquarters in Kutno, Poland.

These are but a few of his accomplishments. Writer Jake Morgan, working, with Edward, produced the memoir: *Some Good in the World: A Life of Purpose* published in 2001 by University of Colorado Press, 235 pages (available on Amazon).

The caricature on the front cover was drawn by Polish artist Julian Zebrowski during a visit with Edward Piszek in Philadelphia.

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Gail Farmer, Executive Director
John Ferro, Conservation Director

The Poles in America Foundation
Jack Pinkowski, *President*

for making this historical marker a reality

Polish Heritage Society
of Philadelphia

presents
the dedication of an official historical marker
commemorating

Edward Piszek

entrepreneur, philanthrophist, patriot
friend of statesmen and popes

Saturday, September 20, 2025
at 12:00 noon
Piszek Preserve, 700 Pennsylvania Ave.
Fort Washington, Pennsylvania

Program

Welcome
Peter Obst, *President, Polish Heritage Society*

Remarks on behalf of the
Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission
Katherine Dowdell
AIA, PHMC Preservation Board Member

Commentary from our Guests

Removal of the Cover and Adjournmemnt

October 2
Donna Chmara & David Jose
Major Polish Customs and Holidays









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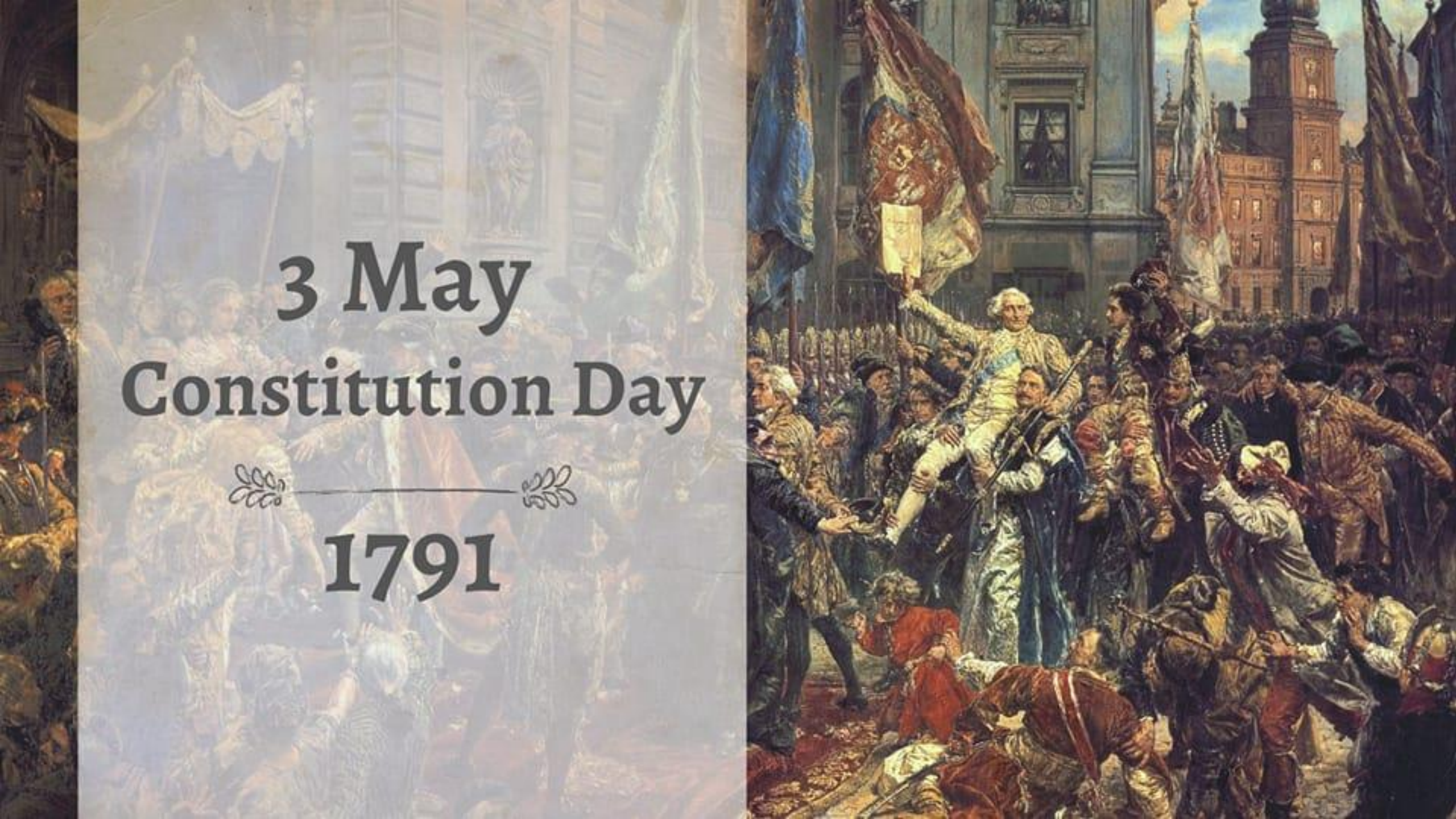
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3 May
Constitution Day

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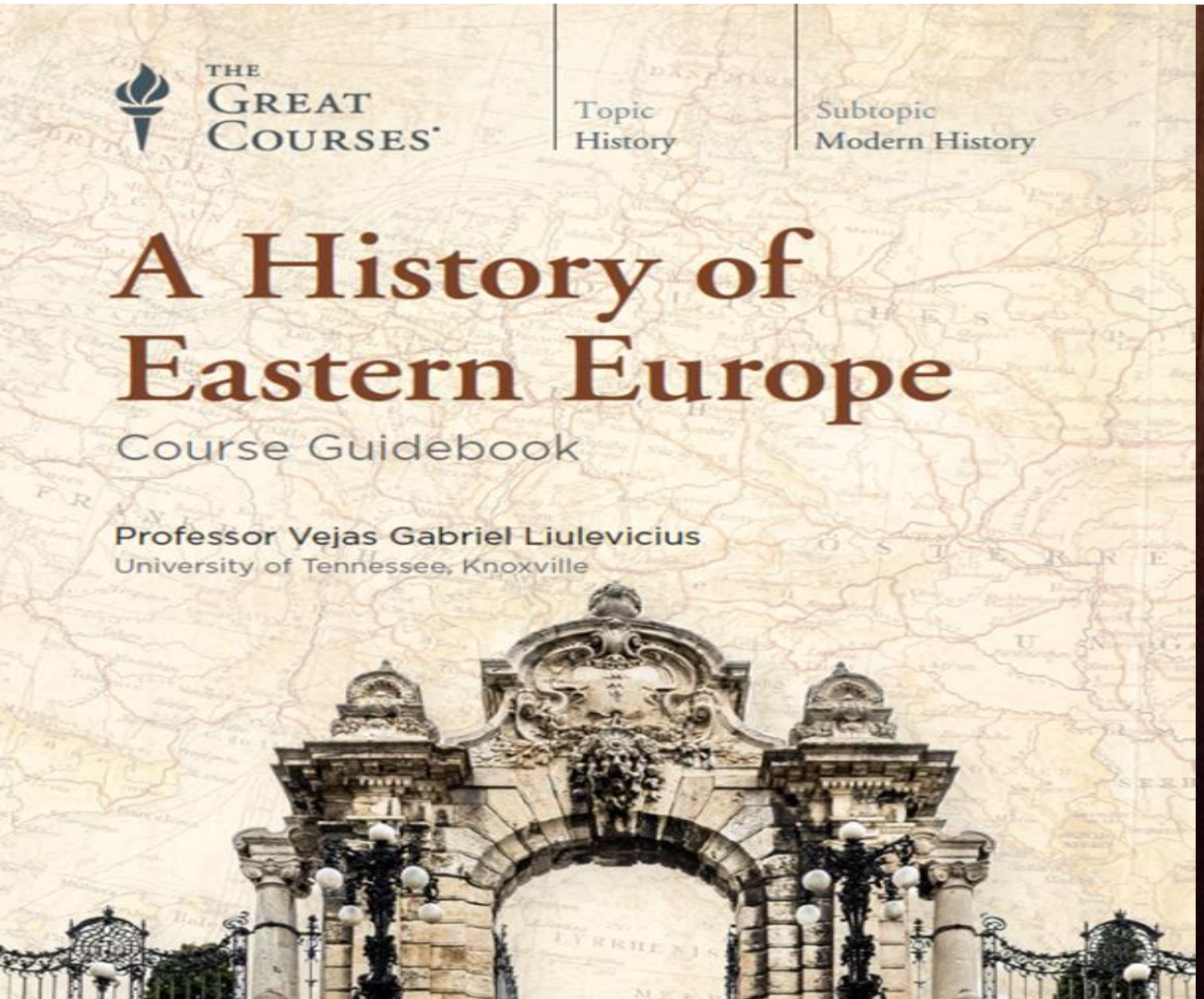
Traditional Polish Wedding
Blessing Salt & Vodka and Food







November 6
Donna Chmara & David Jose - 30 min. Video - Anna Walentynowicz – “the Mother of Independent Poland”






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December 1 PACT Wigilia Party at Leonardo's II






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January 2026 - No Meeting But It Will be Remembered!



February 5
Donna Chmara & David Jose – Poland 45 Years After Solidarity

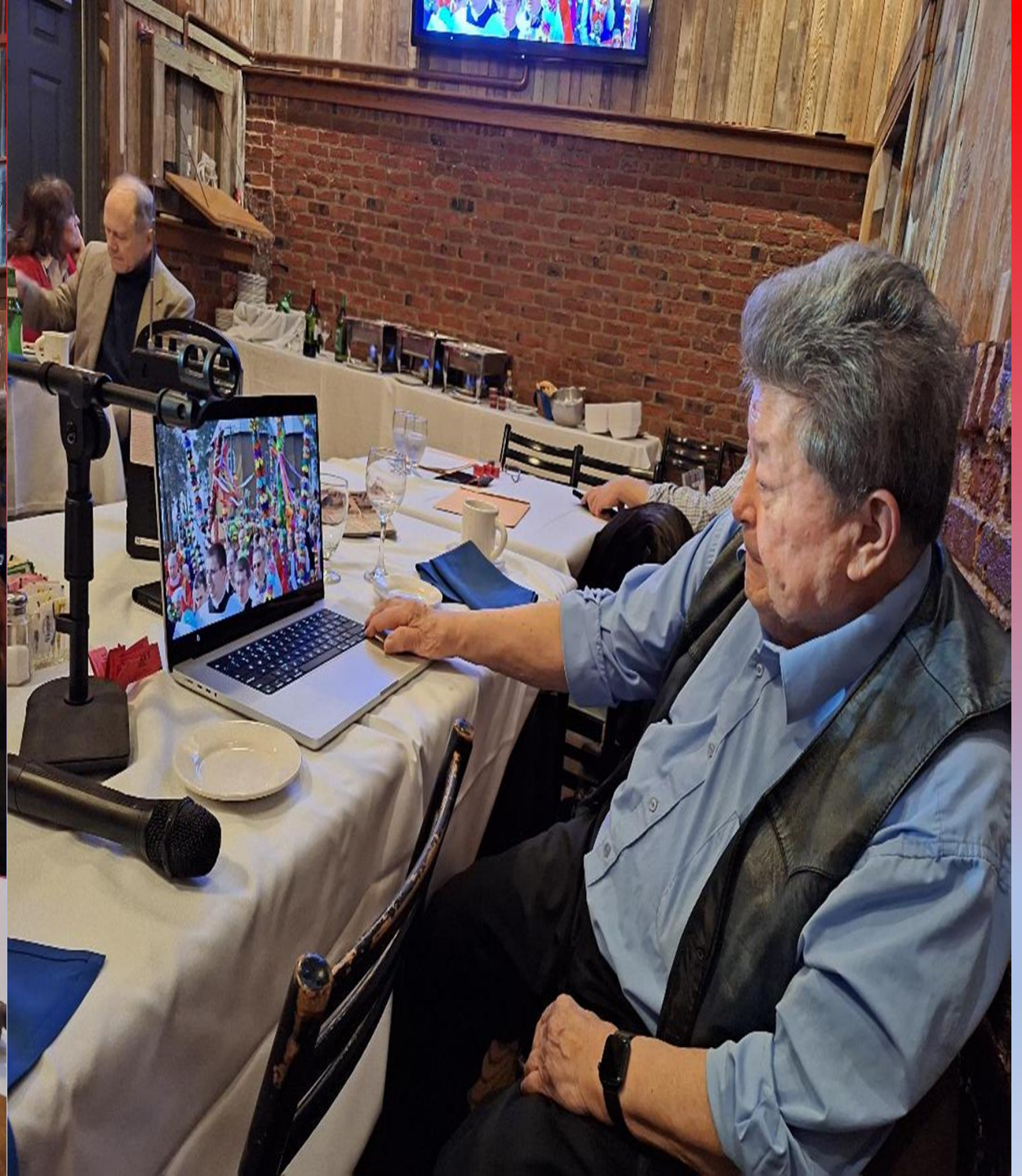
March 5
Donna Chmara & David Jose
Easter and Palm Decorations

After 40 days of Lent comes the Easter holiday. It begins with Palm Sunday. The palms are inseparable part of Polish culture and tradition during Easter time. They are made using traditional materials such as: desiccated flowers, grass, corns and herbs. These substitutes were used in place of real subtropical palms, which were never easy to obtain in Poland.









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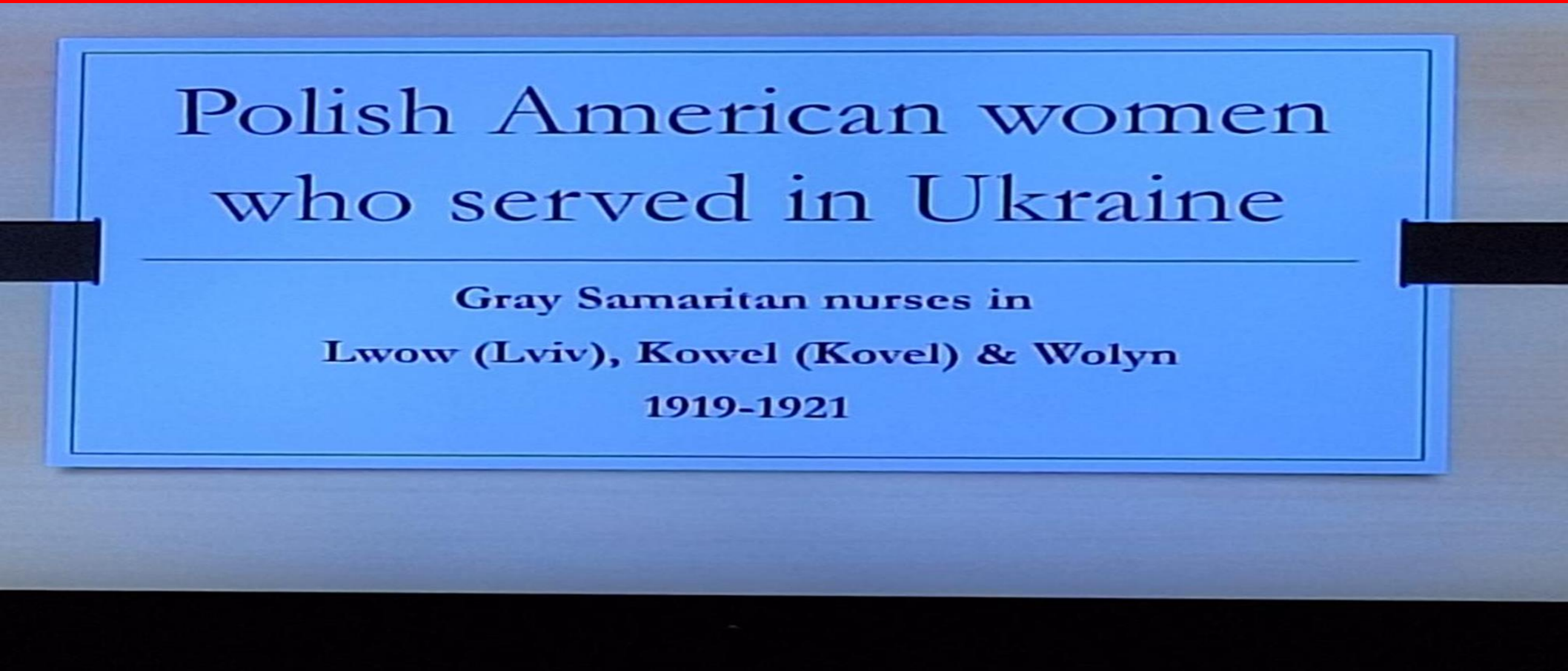


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Easter and Palm Decorations





April 9
Mark Dillon – Polish American Women Contributions in Post-WWI Poland and the Ukraine

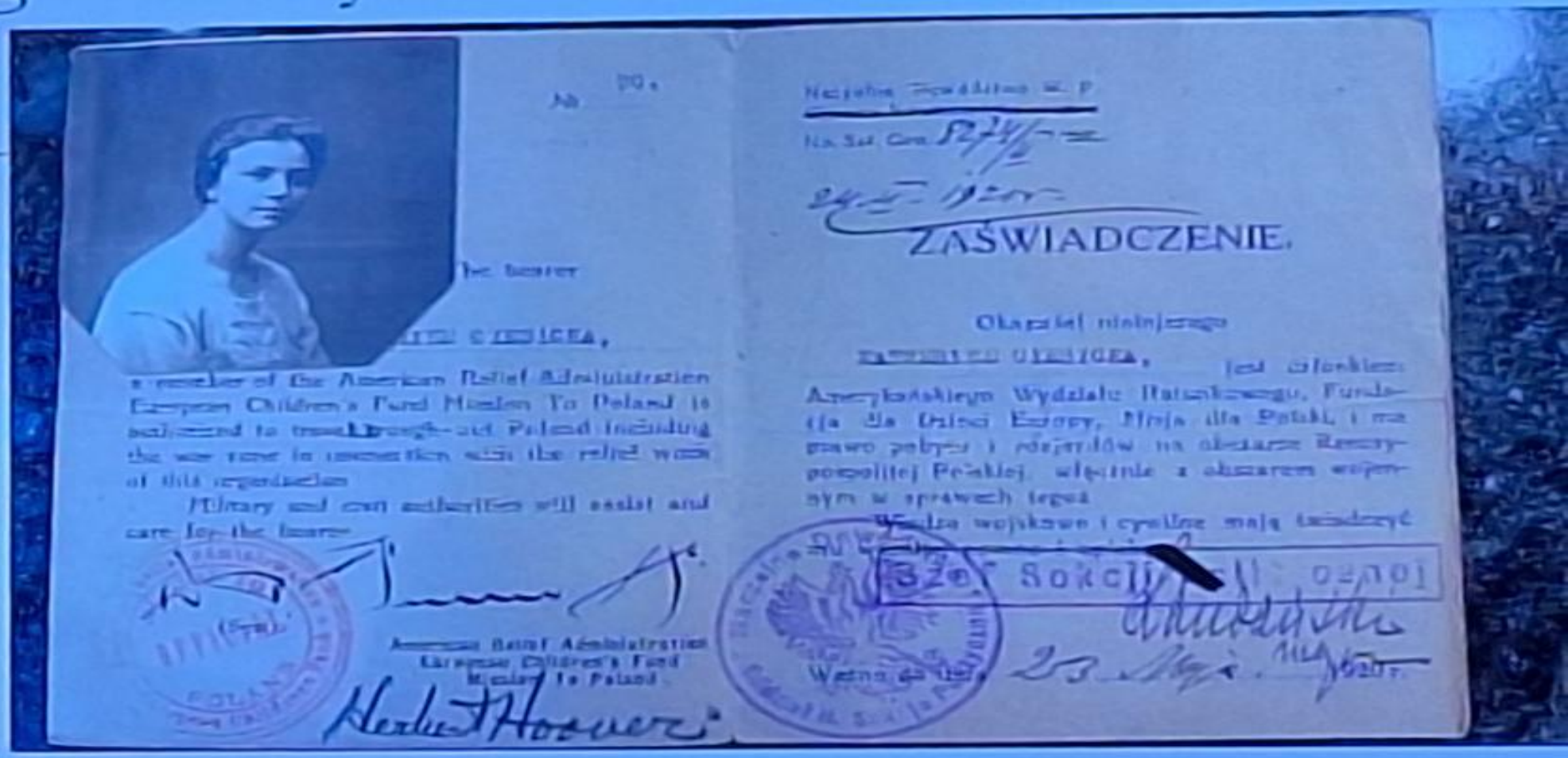



Through the eyes of K


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Through the eyes of Katherine Ciesicka

057 McDougall Ave,
mtramck, MI



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a member of the American Relief Administration European Children's Fund Mission To Poland is authorized to travel through out Poland including the war zone in connection with the relief work of this organization

Military and civil authorities will assist and care for the bearer

American Relief Administration
European Children's Fund
Mission To Poland

Herbert Hoover

Nejwyższy Komendant W. P.

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ZAŚWIADCZENIE.

Okaziciel niniejszego

[redacted], jest członkiem Amerykańskiego Wydziału Naczelnego Funduszu dla Dzieci Europy, Misja dla Polski i ma prawo pobytu i przejazdów na obszarze Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej, włącznie z obszarem wojennym w sprawach tegoż

Władze wojskowe i cywilne mają udzielać

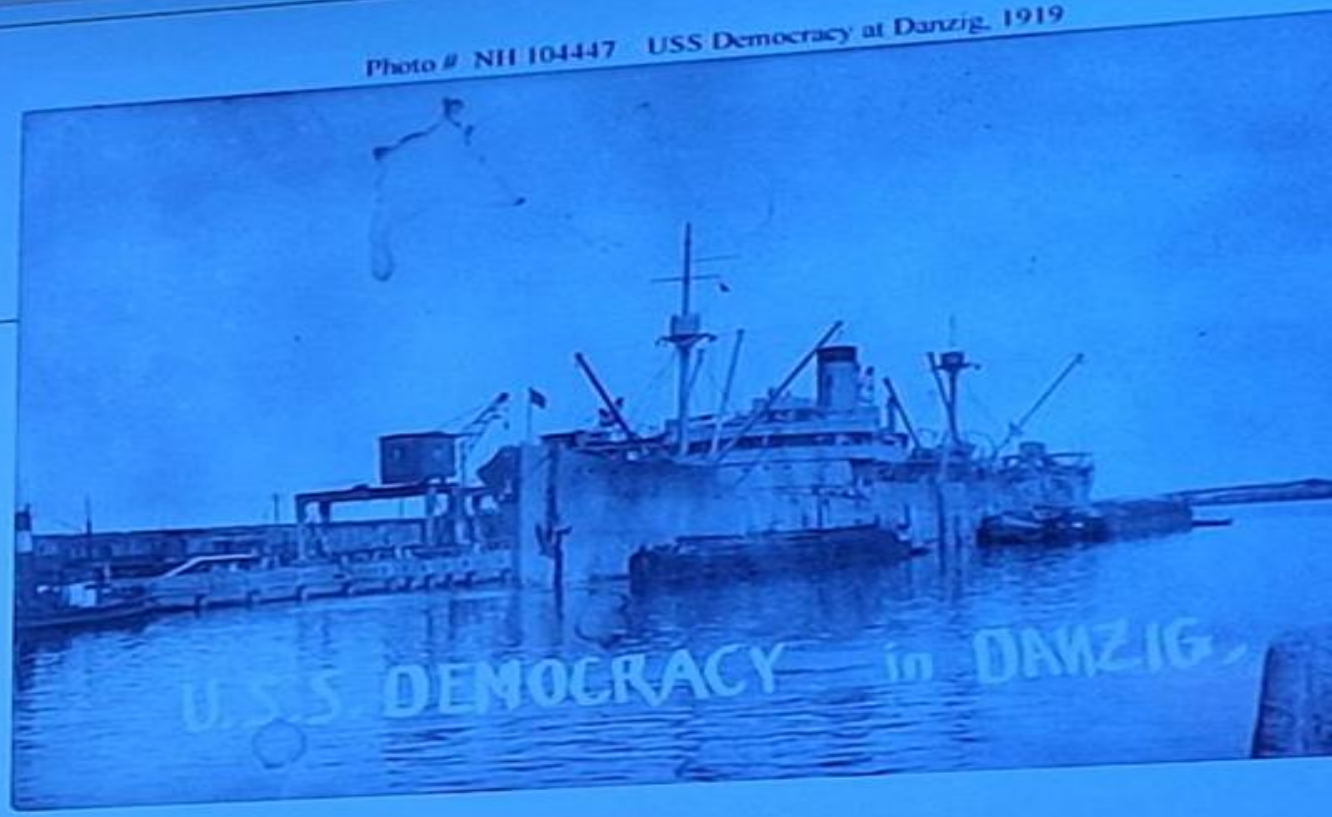
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Warszawa dnia 25 [illegible] 1919 r.

Repair, Replace, Restore in Reborn Poland

- 700,000 refugees
- 160,000 orphans
- 50% of livestock lost
- 50% of railroad cars lost
- 50% of bridges destroyed
- 85% industrial unemployment
- $10 billion property damage

($200 billion+ in today's dollars)



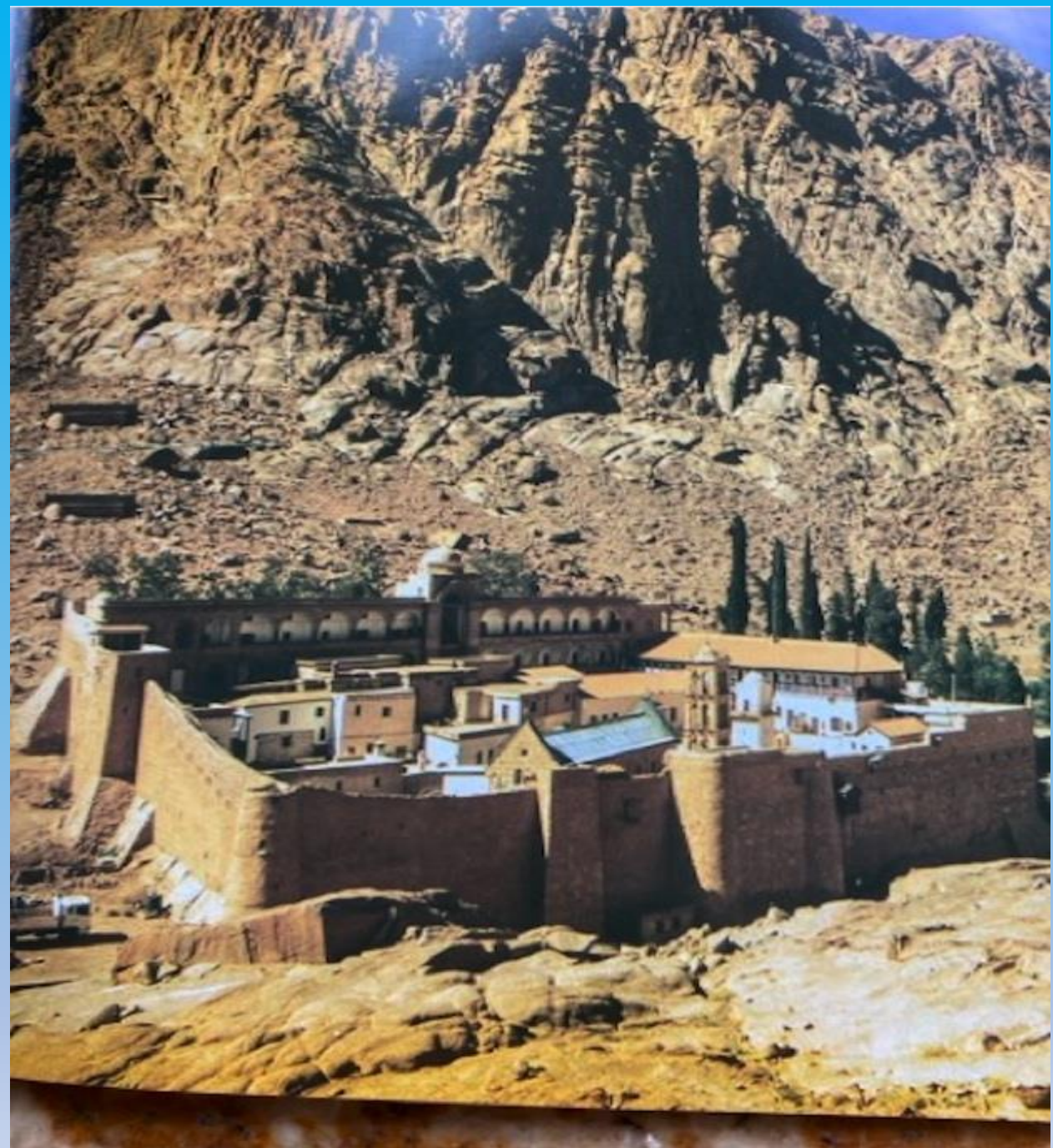


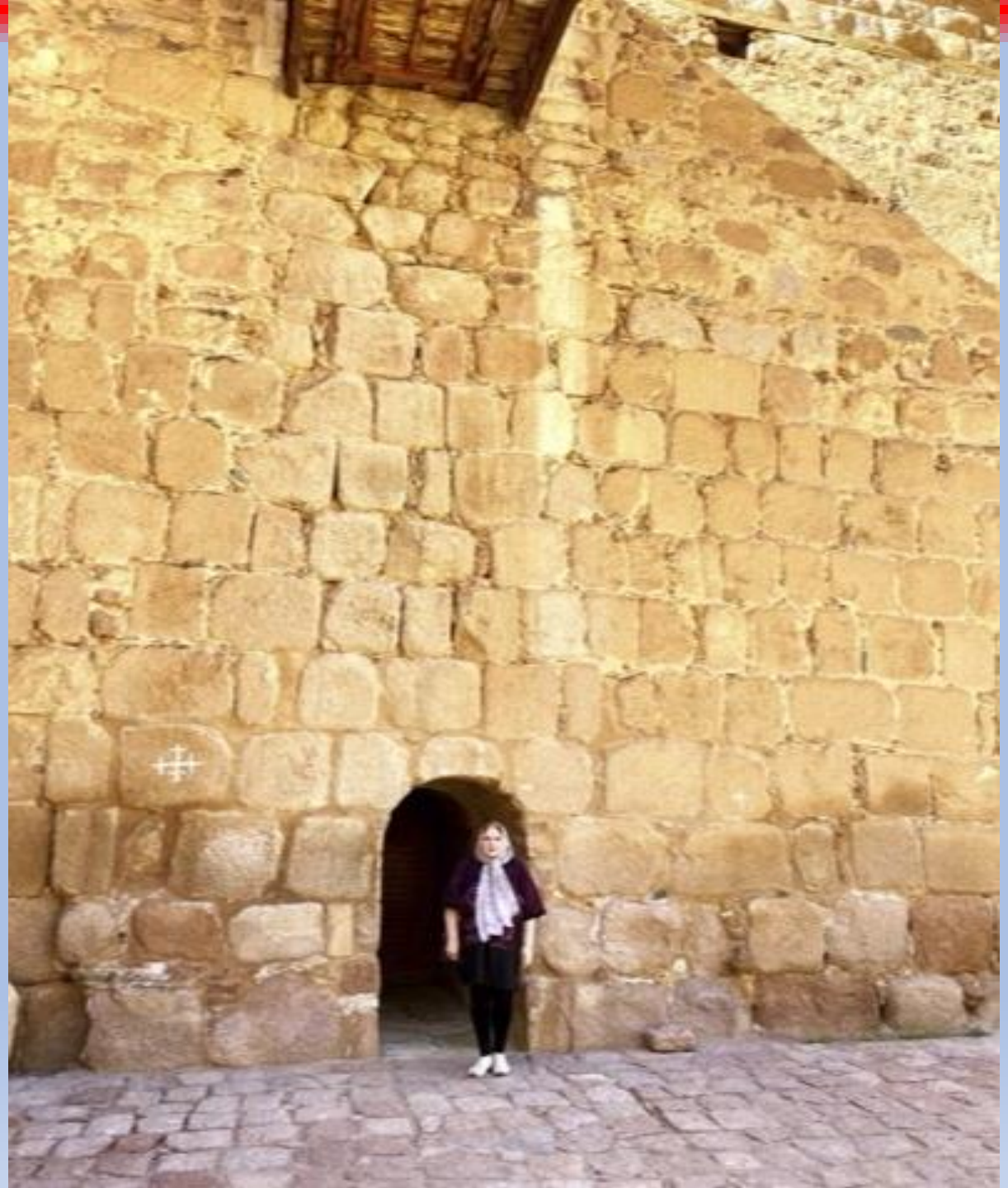
May 5
Fred & Natalia Brodzinski St. Catherine's Monastery, Mt. Sinai, Egypt





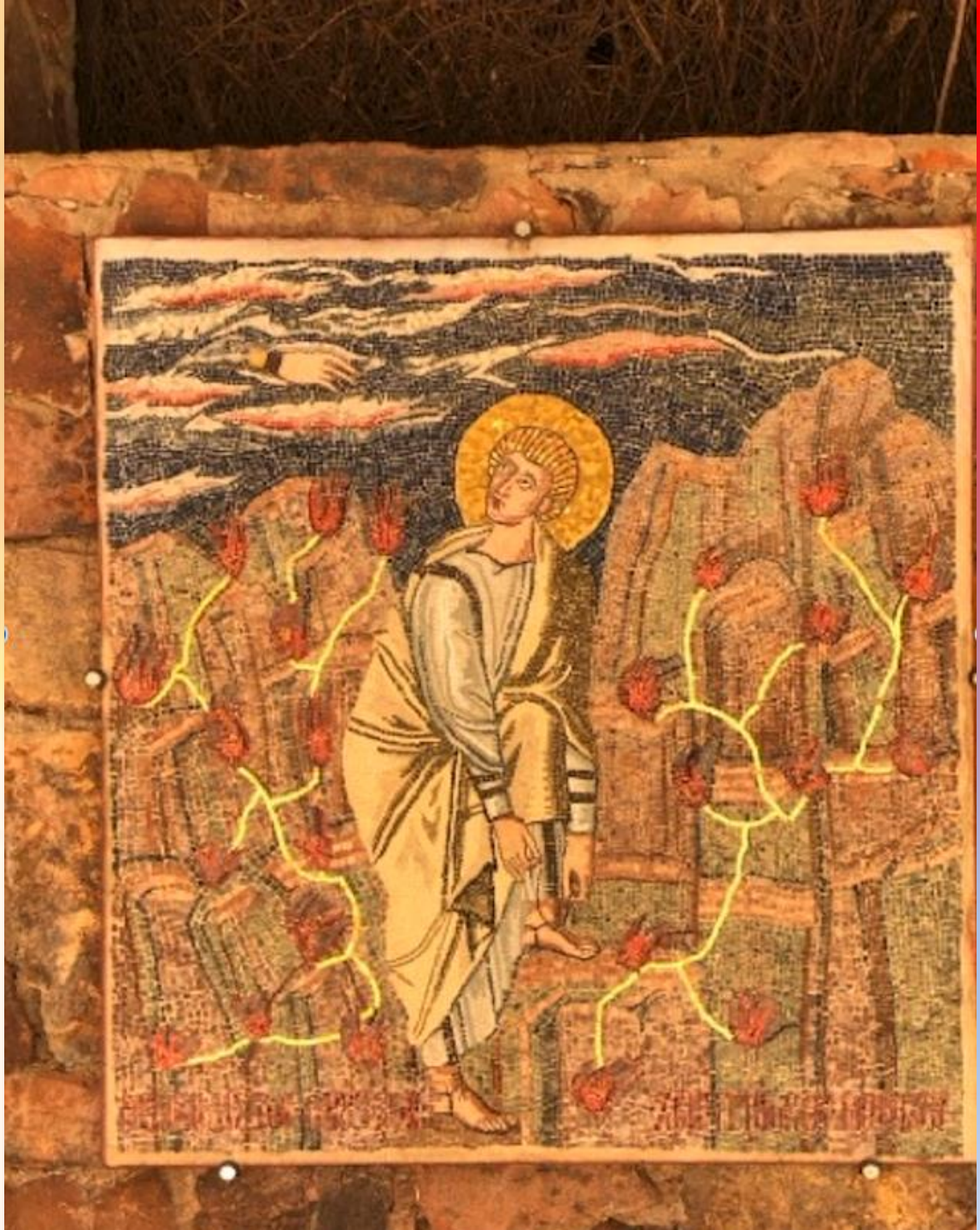
The Monastery of St. Catherine
Emperor Justinian in 530 AD ordered the construction of a much larger Basilica. To protect the monks he had a fort constructed around the church.











2026 Scholarship Awards & Honoree Polonaise Luncheon Our 80th Anniversary



Karol Nawarynski Display









In Memorium

Peter Merrett (4/17/25), Joseph S. Bock III (6/4/250, Richard Palazzi (11/7/25), Ann Demski (12/25/25) , and Gil Lugossy (3/15/26)












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Holly Gusciora Introduces Honoree Mayor W. Reed Gusciora

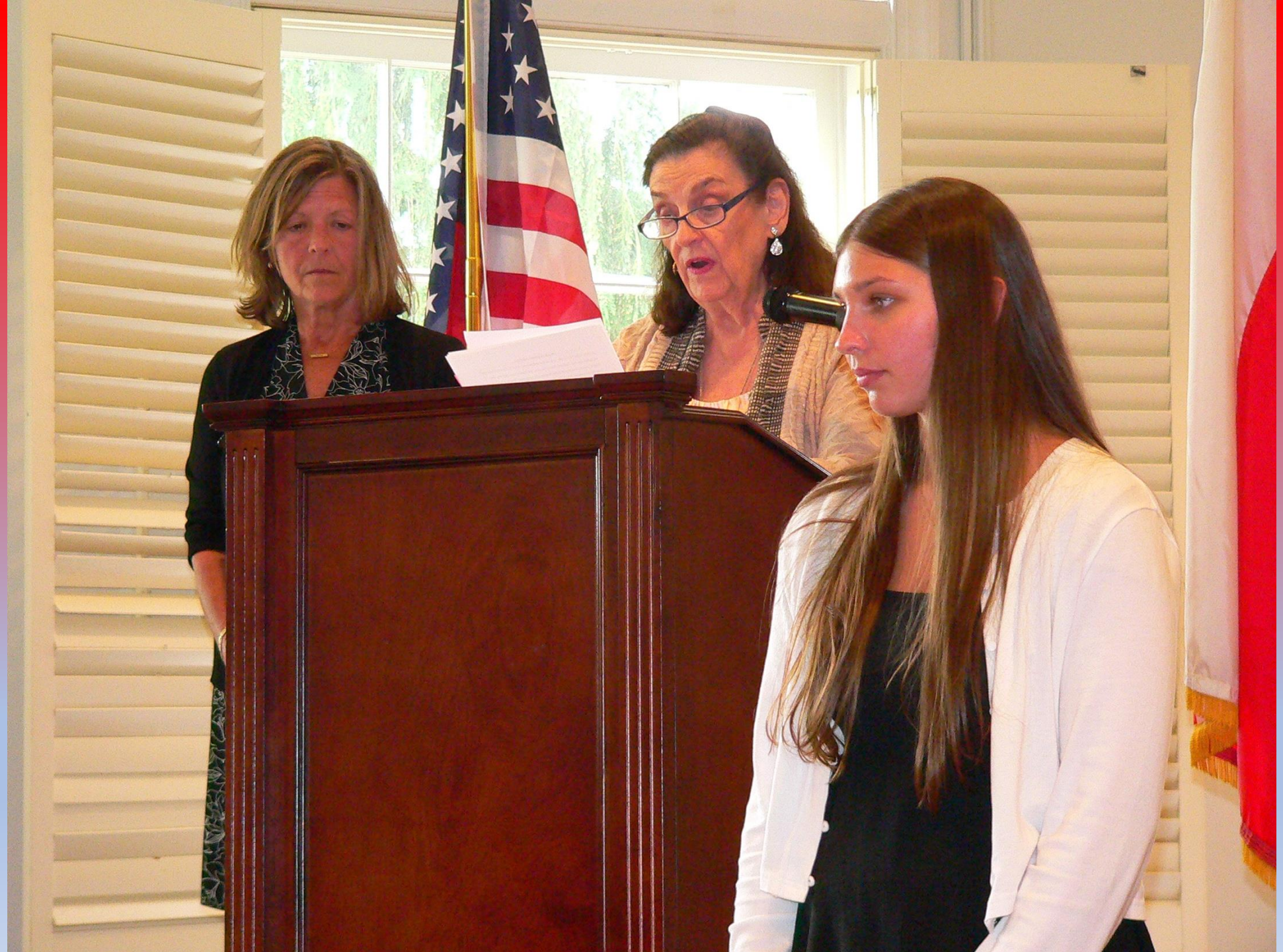





The Polish Arts Club
of Trenton New Jersey
Honors
The Honorable W. Reed Gusciora
The 47th Mayor of Trenton, NJ and the First of Polish Heritage.
Presented at the
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2026 Pact Scholarship Students













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Polish Arts Club of Trenton
80th Anniversary
One Thousand Five Hundred Dollar Scholarship
Presented In Loving Memory of Stephanie Winowicz To
Luke James Rogers
In recognition of excellence in academics and valuable service to school and community. The Polish Arts Club of Trenton congratulates you and has confidence your future will be equally successful.
Given this Twenty-sixth Day of April, Two Thousand and Twenty-six
William J. Muczynski
President
Christine Muczynski
Scholarship Committee Chair



DZIĘKUJĘ BARDZO!!!
THANK YOU,
OFFICERS AND MEMBERS, & FRIENDS
OF THE POLISH ARTS CLUB OF
TRENTON!!!

Enjoy Your Summer
Be Safe
See You On
Thursday, September 10, 2026