

SYMPOSIUM: Rev. Fr. Marian Struc and Lillian Hrytsak had the opportunity to attend a historic symposium in Ottawa to honour Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky, at the *Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Education Studies*¹, on April 25th, 2012. <http://www.sheptytskyinstitute.ca>

His Beatitude Patriarch Sviatoslav Shevchuk, participated with representatives of the Ukrainian Jewish Encounter Initiative (UJE), and delegates of the Ukrainian Council of Churches and Religious Organizations, in celebrating the legacy of the late Metropolitan Andrei Sheptytsky. This historic symposium, ***“Ethical Action in Extreme Conditions,”*** with our Patriarch Sviatoslav Shevchuk, was organized by the Ukrainian Jewish Encounter Initiative in cooperation with the Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies, and the Chair of Ukrainian Studies at the University of Ottawa. A packed amphitheater with great interest listened to a symposium honouring *Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky (1865-1944), presented by our* Patriarch Sviatoslav Shevchuk (Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church), Jacob Dov Bleich (Chief Rabbi of Kyiv and Ukraine), Patriarch Filaret Denysenko, Ukrainian Orthodox Church – Kyivan Patriarchate) and other leaders of the Orthodox Churches of Ukraine, other religious authorities of Ukraine and international scholars.

The results of the symposium will be seen in growing unity in the relationships arising from the shared history with the initiates of the Ukrainian Jewish Encounter Initiative (UJE). Furthermore, based on the symposium presentations, there is a wealth of research projects and further thesis writings and studies that will arise on the life and the works of Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky. ***He was a leader who worked for unity and who worked for the restoration of the Ukrainian catholic church to its full Eastern Christian tradition.*** He passed into eternal life in 1944, a year so very close to many of our lives, and in a year many of us have lived. ***It will be exciting and of great interest to our church, as there remains much to be researched about the life and works Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky, as the leader of our Ukrainian Catholic Church.***

¹ Website, <http://www.sheptytskyinstitute.ca>



His Beatitude Patriarch Sviatoslav Shevchuk's address at Ethical Action in Extreme Conditions Symposium



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