

**WHO CARPATHIAN
RUSYNS ARE?**

A BIT BORING BUT IMPORTANT WIKI INFO



Flag of Rusyns, promulgated by the Academy of Rusyn Culture



Coat of arms of Carpathian Ruthenia, adopted by some Rusyns

Total population

623,500

Regions with significant populations

 Slovakia	33,482
 Ukraine	10,183–32,386
 Serbia	14,246
 United States	8,934–320,000 (ancestry)
 Croatia	2,879
 Hungary	2,342
 Czech Republic	1,109
 Poland	638–10,531
 Romania	200–4,090

Languages

Rusyn · Ukrainian · Slovak
Serbian · Hungarian

Religion

Mostly Greek Catholic (Ruthenian Greek Catholic Church) with Eastern Orthodox (Russian Orthodox Church, Serbian Orthodox Church and American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese)

Related ethnic groups

Other East Slavs

HISTORICAL SUMMARY

- The Carpatho-Rusyns are a distinct Eastern Slavic people who lived for more than a thousand years in remote villages scattered along the foothills and valleys of the Carpathian Mountains of East Central Europe.
- Their villages were located mostly among those of Western Slavs (Slovaks and Poles), Hungarians (Magyars), Romanians (Vlachs) and Ukrainians.
- The name Rusyn identifies them as descendants, in part, of a people from the vast lands of ancient Rus' who were converted to the Eastern Christian Church in the 9th century. Rusyn can, in fact be interpreted as inhabitant of Rus'.
- Over the years, Rusyns have also been known by a variety of other names - Carpatho-Russians, Carpatho-Ukrainians, Rusnaks, Ruthenes, Ruthenians, Uhro-Rusyns and Podkarpats'ki Rusyny, to name a few. Rusyns typically referred to themselves as Rusnaks or Lemko for those who settled on the northern slopes of the Carpathians.

LANGUAGE

Carpatho-Rusyns belong to the Slavic branch of Indo-European peoples. Their dialects are classified as East Slavic, but because they live in a borderland region Carpatho-Rusyn dialects are heavily influenced by Polish, Slovak, and Hungarian vocabulary. These influences, together with numerous terms from the Church Slavonic liturgical language and vocabulary unique to Carpatho-Rusyns, are what distinguish their spoken language from other East Slavic languages like Ukrainian.

In contrast to their West Slavic (Polish and Slovak), Magyar, and Romanian neighbors, Carpatho-Rusyns use the Cyrillic alphabet. Their national name, Rusyn, connects them to the east, since Rus' was the name of the inhabitants and territory of a large medieval state centered in Kiev. The many names by which Carpatho-Rusyns have called themselves or were called by others--Carpatho-Russian, Carpatho-Ukrainian, Rusnak, Ruthene, Ruthenian, Uhro-Rusyn--all relate to their traditional association with the East Slavic world of the Rus'.

The table's caption

Modern Latin	Abecadlo	Cyrillic	English translation
<i>W tynkim fluidi myhotiń</i>	<i>W tynkóm fluidi myhotińý</i>	<i>В тинкім флюїді миготінь</i>	<i>In a thin fluid of glares</i>
<i>Kupajut siy zemja i more</i>	<i>Kupajut sé zemia i more</i>	<i>Купають сьї зем'я і море,</i>	<i>The land and the sea are bathing,</i>
<i>Rozczyniuje žytie i smyrť</i>	<i>Rožczyniuje žytié i smyrť</i>	<i>Розчинює жите і смирть</i>	<i>Life and death are deliquescing</i>
<i>I rode siy dobro ta hore.</i>	<i>I rode sé dobro ta hore.</i>	<i>І роде сьї добро та горе.</i>	<i>And blessing and grief will be born.</i>



Мигаль Кушницкий

THE NATIONAL COSTUME



Boykos from Prešov (left side) and Lemkos from Przemyśl



Hutsul family, 1925–1939



Ruthenian costume from Petrovci, Croatia

CULTURE

Wooden church architecture



Uličské Krivé, Slovakia



Museum of Folk Architecture and Life (Lviv)

AR



Dancers by Mikulas Rogovsky Source: Humenne Museum



The Castle in Uzhorod (1962) by Iosyp Bokshai



Harvest by Olga Kaczmar

ECONOMY



The Carpatho-Rusyns were mostly employed as farmers, livestock herders (especially sheep), and in forest-related occupations. The mountainous landscape that characterized Carpathian Rus' never allowed for extensive agricultural production. As a result, Carpatho-Rusyns were usually poor and were often forced to survive by working in neighboring countries or by emigrating permanently abroad, most especially to the United States.

NATIONAL ISSUES. PROTECTION AGAINST UKRAINIZATION.



We can say that Ukraine banned the Rusyns as a separate nation. And this despite the fact that almost one and a half million Rusyns live in the USA, Canada, Australia, Yugoslavia, Slovakia, Poland, the Czech Republic, Romania, Hungary, and everywhere they are quietly recognized as an independent nationality, except for Ukraine, where this issue is taboo no less than the word "Federalization".

And the barbaric hatred of Kiev officials to the very word "Rusyns" is not explained by anything other than relic neanderthalism. Books in the Russian language, the press are forbidden, children are forbidden to study in their native language. And no "movable" law, which Poroshenko was so proud of (it is nevertheless directed specifically against the Russians), will help. Because Rusyns are not initially recognized as a separate nation.

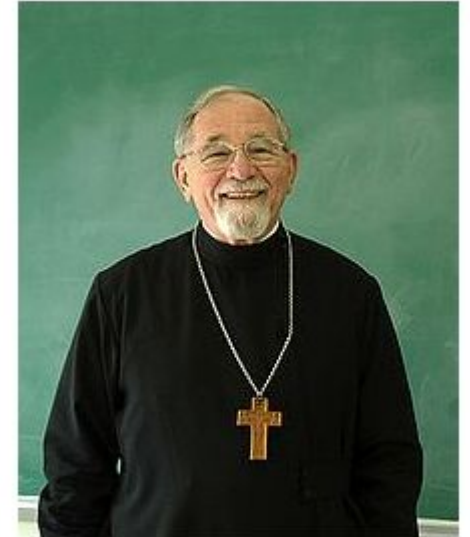
RUTHENIAN HALL OF FAME



Lizbeth Scott
Actress
both parents Rusyn



Bill Evans
Jazz musician
Rusyn mother



Father Thomas Hopko
Orthodox Christian theologian



Sandra Dee
Actress
Rusyn Mother



Steve Guback
Sports writer for Washington Star and later the Richmond Times-Dispatch, past member of the President's Council on Physical Fitness, member since 2005 of the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame

YOU MIGHT BE RUSYN IF....

- You called your grandmother Baba,
- You can be no more specific about your origins than to say that your ancestors came from Austria-Hungary or Galicia.
- Your ancestors immigrated from Eastern Europe to the northeastern US and found work in the coal mines and steel mills of Pennsylvania and Ohio, or the factories of New Jersey and Connecticut.
- Your ancestors spoke a language that they didn't really have a term for—perhaps they called it “hillbilly Russian” or simply “po-nashomu” (our way of speaking).
- Your ancestors worshiped at a Byzantine Catholic church - the priest would have called you “Ruthenian,” the Latin-based western term used for Rusyn.
- Your ancestors might have used other terms for the group, which included, but are not limited to, Rusnaks, Carpatho-Russians, Carpatho-Ukrainians, Uhro-Rusvns, Lemkos, or a derogatory name that's okay when used by the people themselves to refer to one another, Hunkies.
- Your ancestors immigrated between 1890 and World War I and called themselves Russians
- You ate bobal'ki and pyrohy at Christmas and paska and hrudka at Easter

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