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“Your Tears, Ukraine” – The UECC to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Ukrainian Holodomor

Jenkintown, PA – November 1, 2007. The Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center (UECC), the Ukrainian Heritage School (UHS) and the Ukrainian National Women’s League of America, Philadelphia Regional Branch (UNWLA) invite students and the community to attend the 75th Anniversary Commemoration of the Ukrainian Holodomor at the Main Hall of the UECC on Saturday, November 17th, 2007 at 12:45 p.m. Admission is free to the public.

The program will feature “Children and the Holodomor”, poems performed by the students of UHS, Maria Kaminska, UHS teacher, and Olya Kostiv, Assistant Director of UHS; “Recollections of those who survived the Holodomor”, Petro Hurskyj; and “Two video film fragments of modern Holodomor Commemorations in Ukraine”, Marta Pelensky, 90th Branch Chair UNWLA.

After a short intermission, the program will continue with the viewing of the short film “The Unknown Famine” (“Neznanyj Holod”), Taras Hukalo. Canadians led the way in preparing documentaries about the Great Famine of 1932-33. Researcher-consultant Taras Hukalo, director Claude Caron and "Planete" executive producer Karel Ludvik were each given awards for their outstanding work on the half-hour film by the Ukrainian Canadian Committee.

Millions of Ukrainians died of hunger from 1931 to 1932 following the collectivization of farming in the Soviet Union by Joseph Stalin. Famine was particularly severe in Ukraine, which was a regional breadbasket and was strongly opposed to the move. At the same time the communist government attempted to wipe out Ukrainian intelligentsia and nationalists, with estimations of the number of victims ranging from a million and a half to 10 million.

The Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center, founded in 1980, is a non-profit organization whose objective is to preserve and promote awareness of Ukrainian heritage throughout the Philadelphia community. The UECC is located at 700 Cedar Road in Jenkintown, PA 19046 and can be reached at 215-663-1166 or e-mail at contact@ueccphila.org. Visit us on the web at www.ueccphila.org.

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