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+ Sviatoslav Shevchuk of Kyiv-Halych to Deliver Public Lecture, Dialogue with Timothy Snyder

TORONTO — +Sviatoslav Shevchuk, head of the more than 5 million Ukrainian Catholics worldwide, will deliver a **public lecture at the Isabel Bader Theatre at Victoria College (Address) at the University of Toronto on February 25 at 7 p.m.**

Professor and New York Times best-selling author **Timothy Snyder** will respond to the lecture. , Snyder teaches at the University of Toronto's Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy and is a leading public intellectual in modern Central European politics.

As the war enters its fourth year, their conversation will focus on how religion is key in decoding the motives for Russia's aggression against Ukraine. They will also discuss the ethical dimensions of the Judeo-Christian tradition as a way forward for peace.

This past December, Shevchuk celebrated Christmas in a bomb shelter in Kyiv. For the greater part of the 20th century, the Ukrainian Catholic Church was the largest body of illegal Christians in the world under the Soviet Union. His experience growing up in this reality informs his moral authority as a voice for human dignity and peace, both in Ukraine and on the world stage. As a religious leader, he continues to draw wisdom from those who have suffered from the fallout of the war.

Admission is free, but advance registration is required. Book your ticket here:
<https://tinyurl.com/SviatoslavToronto>.

No admission available at the door.

The event is presented by the [Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies](#) a unit of the [Regis St Michael's Faculty of Theology](#) in the [University of St. Michael's College](#) and is co-sponsored by the [Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Institute Foundation](#), [Catholic Near East Welfare Association Canada \(CNEWA\)](#), [Ukrainian World Congress \(UWC\)](#), [Ukrainian Canadian Congress National \(UCC\)](#), [Ukrainian Canadian Congress Toronto](#), [Shevchenko Scientific Society](#), [Bill Graham Centre for Contemporary International History](#), [Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of Canada \(UCWLC\)](#), [The Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies](#), [the Petro Jacyk Center for the Study of Ukraine at the Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy at the University of Toronto](#), and the [Chair of Ukrainian Studies of the University of Toronto](#).