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CIUS Press issues volume on the Boiko region and Galicia

22 May 2013—Mykhailo Zubrytsky, *Zibrani tvory i materialy u tr'okh tomakh. Tom 1: Naukovi pratsi* [Collected Works in Three Volumes. Volume 1: Scholarly Works]. Lviv: Litopys, 2013. 610 pp., maps, tables, hardcover, \$44.95.

Volume 1 of a three-volume edition of the collected works of Father Mykhailo Zubrytsky (1856–1919) has just been published. The book contains an introduction titled “Father Mykhailo Zubrytsky: The Nestor of the Ukrainian Village,” in both English and Ukrainian, by the editor of the volume, Frank E. Sysyn; forty of Zubrytsky’s scholarly works on the history of Galicia and the ethnography of the Boiko region; and maps of the Boiko region, a photo of Zubrytsky as a young clergyman, and indexes of names and places.

Mykhailo Zubrytsky was a historian and ethnographer who studied the western Boiko region, especially his parish of Mshanets, in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. He was a Greek Catholic priest from 1883 and a member of the Shevchenko Scientific Society from 1904. He worked closely with Ivan Franko, Fedir Vovk, Volodymyr Hnatiuk and other prominent scholars in gathering oral history and folklore and published hundreds of documents dating from the sixteenth to the mid-nineteenth century. His research on the history of Galicia stands out for his comparison of oral tradition and written sources. Many of his works belong to the genre of everyday history (house building, sheep raising) and examinations of social history (famines, cholera epidemics). He also preserved documentation on the complex history of the villages of the Saryi Sambir and Turka regions, with their multilayered societies of petty nobles, haiduks, clergymen, peasants, and Jews. The forty works in the volume constitute one of the most comprehensive examinations of a microregion in Ukraine. While Zubrytsky focuses on the Boikos, he also includes materials on the neighboring groups of Lemkos and Hutsuls. The indexes will be especially valuable to those working on genealogies of families from this region. Volume 2 will contain Zubrytsky’s personal documents, a full bibliography of his works, and secondary works on his life and writings. Volume 3 will include more than three hundred newspaper articles on political, cultural, and religious affairs in the Sambir and Boiko region written by this activist priest and organizer of Ukrainian national life.

This edition of Mykhailo Zubrytsky’s collected works is copublished by the Petro Jacyk Program for the Study of Modern Ukrainian History and Society at the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies; the Institute of Historical Research at the Ivan Franko National University of Lviv; the Institute of Ethnography, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine; and the Shevchenko Scientific Society of Canada and of Lviv. The volume was published thanks to a generous subsidy from the Edward Brodacky Estate, London, United Kingdom.

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Photo: Father Mykhailo Zubrytsky.

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