

PRESS RELEASE

The Ukrainian Collectibles Society (UCS) of Australia released the eighth stamp and envelope in the *Ukrainian Heritage in Australia* Personalised Stamp™ and souvenir first day of issue envelope series on 1 June 2013.



The new stamp was dedicated to the Ukrainian Autocephalic Orthodox Church (UAOC) in Diaspora, Diocese of Australia and New Zealand. Below is an image of the first day cover (FDC) that was issued.



The stamp label image depicting a stylised Orthodox church and decorative Byzantine type scroll had been in use by the UAOC and was reworked by Sydney graphic designer Justin Senko. On a background of the Ukrainian national colours the Cyrillic abbreviation and text stands for Ukrainian Autocephalic Orthodox Church in Diaspora.

The image on the envelope is a photograph of the Millennium of the Baptism of Kyivan Rus Memorial and Museum alongside the Ukrainian Orthodox Centre, located in Canberra, the capital of Australia.

Informative text about the Ukrainian Autocephalic Orthodox Church (UAOC) in Diaspora in both English and Ukrainian is found on the back of the envelope. A total of 1,000 Personalised Stamps (50 sheets) were printed and 143 First Day Cover (FDC) envelopes were produced and issued.

The UCS has retained a very limited quantity of UAOC stamps and FDCs for purchase. Interested persons should contact one of the officers named below for further details.

The *Ukrainian Heritage in Australia* series of stamps and covers is designed to provide a tangible philatelic record of the history and legacy of Ukrainian organisations and institutions established and operating throughout Australia since 1948, recognising and commemorating their status and respective unique contributions to Australia's Ukrainian and wider communities. The project is expected to run over a number of years and will promote and acknowledge Ukrainian organisations and institutions from all states and territories of Australia.

The UCS has very limited remaining stock of previous Heritage issues still available for purchase. Display pages are also available for purchase. People who wish to be on the UCS mailing list to be advised of future releases should send information to one of the officers below.

The UCS is Australia's only organisation solely dedicated to the collecting and promotion of Ukrainian collectibles, *Ukrainica*. Formed in 1994 in Adelaide the UCS and its members are major contributors to and exhibitors of Ukrainian theme philately and collectibles in Australia and around the world.

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