



# 39th MacGahan Festival New Lexington, Ohio June 9-10, 2017 (June 1 update)



Reception for out of town guests  
Friday evening Knights of Columbus Hall  
St.  
Jefferson St at Monument Square  
7:30 until ? Food provided.  
House

Memorial Service at 10:30 am  
New Lexington Cemetery on Swigart

followed by Floral Tribute at the statue  
across from the Perry County Court

Luncheon and Program at noon  
at the Perry County District Library  
on Jefferson St. one block from the  
MacGahan statue.

The MacGahan American Bulgarian Festival is held the weekend closest to the birthdate (June 12) and death date (June 9) of Januarius MacGahan, native son of New Lexington. Next year will mark the 40<sup>th</sup> annual festival and the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of MacGahan. New Lexington is one hour southeast of Columbus, OH.

The foundation is a non-profit organization.

## Detailed festival events

**Memorial service** Saturday morning at the grave of MacGahan in the New Lexington Cemetery at 10:30 am.

Celebrant: The Reverend Father Vladimir Bakurdzhiev from St. Thomas Eastern Orthodox Church in Fairlawn, Ohio.

Vocal selection by elementary students from New Lexington City Schools concluding with Taps by Jacob Faber

**Floral tribute** at the MacGahan statue at Main and Brown Streets across from the Perry County Court House.

**Luncheon and program** at noon at the Perry County District Library on Jackson St. (a block from the statue)

**Invocation:** Father Vladimir Bakurdzhiev and Reverend Robert Heinlein

**Bulgarian American luncheon** Moussaka, Shopska Salad, Baklava, fresh fruit cup, rolls, beverages

**Remarks by Ivan Anchev**, Consul General of Bulgaria in Chicago, Illinois

**Keynote address by Alexander Petrov**, Associate Professor at The Ohio State University “The Voice of Truth and Conscience: How a War Correspondent Changed History in 1876”

**Entertainment** by Bulgarian representatives of the folk dance ensemble “Verea” from Chicago and representatives of the children’s ensemble “Shareni Chorapi” from the Bulgarian Macedonian National Educational and Cultural Center in Pittsburgh, PA

**Scholarship Presentations** by Barbara Mooney to Zoey Stenson from New Lexington High School and Ashley Compston from Crooksville High School

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