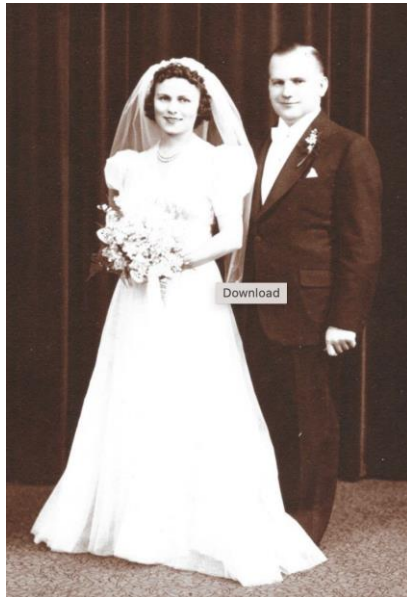


## IN MEMORIAM – JOHN WARHOL, JR.

by Eugenia Warhol Skuby

July 23 marked the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my father's death in 1974. Dad was born in Passaic, NJ, the city to which my grandparents and thousands of others emigrated from Austria-Hungary in the late 1800s. His family moved to Mahwah (Bergen County) when Dad was a child; he would spend the next 63 years of his life there. He attended Ramsey High School, and graduated from the University of Maryland and its law school. He was Mahwah's township attorney for 30 years, where he practiced civil law.

In addition to his impressive resume and accomplishments, too numerous to mention here, there were many important contributions that one would never find in his C.V. or obituary, namely the work he did for the Church. First of all, he was Orthodox Cathedral in Passaic, grandparents helped to found. family attended St. John the Valley, NY for many years, president. Dad was selfless help was needed, be it friends, helped the Spring Valley Chestnut Ridge, NY (which instrumental in the upbuilding Diocese. He acted as right-Nehrebecki+ while Father 1960s, including Christ the Saddle Brook, Holy Annunciation in Brick. He property acquisition, zoning review, mortgage preparation advice, and whatever else was Living in north Jersey, he would have had to travel quite frequently (and far) to Brick, where he helped establish their brick-and-mortar church on what was literally farmland.



Olga and John Warhol

baptized in SS Peter and Paul Russian where his family had attended and my Once they moved to Mahwah, we as a Baptist Orthodox Church in Spring eight of which Dad served as with his time and talents wherever family, neighbors, or the Church. He parish purchase a larger property in was later sold). But he also was of several parishes within our NJ hand person to Father John John established many parishes in the Saviour in Paramus, Holy Apostles in Resurrection in Wayne, and Holy volunteered his legal expertise with work, township meetings, contract and review, title work, financial and review, title work, financial needed to help these parishes take root.

I believe he probably assisted other, established parishes in the north Jersey area, but I will never know. Only God knows. I was too young to appreciate his devotion and dedication to this missionary work at the time, but I certainly do now. To think that I and my family have walked into these churches so many times – the final products of his work and that of so many others – makes my heart swell with pride and gratitude to him and to God.

Rest in peace, Dad. Well done, good and faithful servant.

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