

# “MY ONLY CHOICE: 1942-1956 HUNGARY”



The Helicon Society is pleased to join the “Irodalmi Klub” presentation by distinguished author, Helen M. Szablya, Honourary Consul-General of Hungary visiting her Toronto family from Seattle.

An interesting newspaper article titled: “Névházasságból sírig tartó szerelem” (Kanadai Magyarország-2014 szept.6), reported the fascinating lifetime memories of Szablya Ilona.

The Society membership is invited and encouraged to attend this unique literary event.

## Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 1 p.m.

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church, St. Stephen Room.

### Pre-Publication Reviews

"Helen Szablya's story will shed light on dramatic era in European history, one which **Americans hardly know and will find fascinating** to discover." *Anne Applebaum is a columnist for the Washington Post.*

"Hungary's Honorary Consul brings back two lost worlds: Hungary before Communism was imposed upon the nation, and **the darkest days of the Stalinist dictatorship**. A fascinating and illuminating story." *Géza Jeszenszky is the former Foreign Minister of Hungary (1990-94).*

"Helen Szablya's new book, "My Only Choice," is part of her autobiography, covering Hungary's tragic years between 1942 and 1956. As a seven-year-old girl, she survives the traumas of World War II that many of her fellow Hungarians tried to avoid entering, only to witness her mother's arrest by the communist secret police in 1949. **Her cast of characters is taken from life; her descriptions of the psychological and physical landscapes are as truthful as they are memorable.** She is a congenial democrat who dislikes with equal fervor the extremes of the political right and left." *Charles Fenyvesi, former staff writer for the Washington Post.*