

# PARISH NEWS

## FROM FATHER'S DESK

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Christ is Born!

### **Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!**

Two thousand years ago, there wasn't a place in the Inn for Infant Jesus thus He was born in a manger— if we are not careful (being occupied by worldly things) the same could happen today when He is born into our hearts. Let us come to His holy house (the Church) on Christmas & with Ancient Church Hymns celebrate the Birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Christ is Born!

### **Христос се Роди!**

Пре две хиљаде година, нигде до у маленој пећини није било места у Витлејему за Христа да буде рођен. Исто се догађа и данас ако преоптеретимо себе стварима овога света – ако нема места Христу да се роди у нашим срцима.

Дођимо зато за Бадње вече у цркву, на молитвено дружење, да заједно прославимо долазак Спаситеља међу нас. Срећан Божић и Нова Година.

### **POEMS FOR ST. SAVA / ПЕСМИЦЕ ЗА СВ. САВУ**

Ако нисте добили песмице позовите и ја ћу их одмах послати. Хвала. **If you didn't receive the Poems, please call me and I'll send them immediately. Thank you.**

## CHURCH SLAVA

Everything was great thanks to our Kumovi Mile & Kathy Milovac as well as our dear sisters. Very Rev. Denis Pavicevich was our guest priest. Marko Bojovic delivered a sermon in Serbian. Even though the weather was not the best we had over 90 souls in fellowship. Our Kumovi for year 2009 are: Jim, Terri and Sofia Ann Fields. Many Years!!!

## CHRISTMAS GIFT TO MY CHURCH

With the angels, shepherds and Magi, we come to the manger in awe to worship and to offer our gifts to the newborn King, O pre-eternal God, have mercy on us! Included in the Community Christmas Card mailing was an envelope for your donations. Thank You for You always remember the Church. Glory to God.

## BIBLE VERSE OF THE MONTH

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him." Matthew 2: 1-2

## SAYING OF THE MONTH

GOD'S PROVIDENCE.

"Do not wish for everything to be done according to your determination, but wish that it is how it should be, and in this way, you will attain peace with everyone. And believe that everything

that happens to us, even the most insignificant, occurs through God's Providence. Then you will be able to endure everything that comes upon you without any agitation."

*Elder Dorotheus of Gaza*

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Vera Smajevic – Born December 30, 2008. Congratulations and God's blessings to her parents Marko & Tina (Mizdalo) Smajevic. Na Mnogaja Ljeta!!!

## PRAY FOR YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

**Please pray for the health of:** Milka, Ratko, Ramsey Palmer (Haynes), Elena (Milovac), Lee, Bob (Fries), Hugh (Grant), Zoya, Natasa, Judy (Ivancevich), Tomislav, Jason, Paul & Tina (Stoyanovich), Kathryn (Ralic), Ronny, Borivoje, Aiko (Yamada).

\*\*\*If you would like to add or delete a name on the list, please call the Church Office.

## SHUT- INS: Phone call could be enough

We hear from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, when ever we visit/help/support one of our brethren we have done it to Him. Therefore let us not forget our shut-ins – they need us more than we know:

Paul Stoyanovich Tina Stoyanovich  
Boja Loncarevic Mara Ogrizovic

To add/delete names or for more information on the shut-ins please call the Church office.

## CORRECTION:

Sorry: First and last name of Dorothy Stankovich's mother is +Zorka (Luboric) Trkulja. May her memory be eternal.

## SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

☺= under 80 ☺=over 80  
☺=80 ☺☺= over 110

12-07-08: 80 12-21-08: 77  
12-14-08: 85 Church Slava: 86

## ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

**Jan. 4:** David Bresich, Connor Schmok, Christopher Toth  
**Jan. 6:** Christmas Eve - All Servers Welcome  
**Jan. 7:** Christmas – All Servers Welcome  
**Jan 11:** Djordje Mikic, Petar Hood, Matthew Toth  
**Jan 18:** Adam Arsich, Garret, Brian, Riley Isch  
**Jan. 25:** Marko Adams, Stefan Arsich, Sam Bennett  
**Feb. 11:** Jordan England, Nicholas Jurich, Yoseph Chernet  
**Feb. 18:** Alex Tanaskovich, Ben Staletovich, Djordje Djurovic  
**Feb. 25:** Nicholas Schuster, Petar Petrovic, Christian Jimenez  
\*\*\*Please - any Altar server who cannot attend Church the day he is scheduled is to find a replacement and notify the church office.

## THANK YOU:

- K.S.S. for coffee hours in December.
- Gojko Skoric and others for donation from Vece Zapadne Slavonije to our Church.
- All those we did not mention.

# PARISH NEWS

## **THE PARISH COUNCIL:**

### **STEWARDSHIP**

At the Last P.C. Meeting upon the recommendation of the Stewardship Committee it was decided to Start with the Stewardship Campaign in September of 2009. In the Mean time to more educate our membership on the Process. The members of the Stewardship com. may be visiting the more active members to answer questions.

### **Stewardship? TIME/ TALENT/ TREASURE**

**I:** Reminds us of the Responsibility we have towards God and our Brethren. Annually puts us back on track.

**II:** Encourages regular participation & giving.

**III:** Provides us with a list of Volunteers.

**IV:** Helps us plan a Budget for the upcoming year.

**V: Most of all, it reminds us of who we are (Gods children/Orthodox Christians), where we came from (our Heavenly Father who gave us life) and where we are heading (Kingdom of Heaven-ever lasting life).**

## **THE PARISH COUNCIL:**

### **ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE**

**All members in good standing are being asked to please attend the Annual Meeting, which will be held on Sunday February 22, 2009 following Divine Liturgy.**

### **Who is a member in good standing?**

- A person who is a practicing Orthodox Christian (comes to Church regularly and partakes of the Sacraments of the Church).
- A person who has satisfied his/her financial obligations to the Church.

### **Parish Council Members for 2009/10**

The hope is that all of the Parish Council Members will remain on the Council. In any case, we are always looking for more help. For your information, Parish Council Members are responsible for social and financial issues of our Church as well as maintaining the Church property. If you have been a member, in good standing of our church for at least one year and are interested in being a part of this wonderful group of volunteers for the coming year, please call the Church office 471-8006 or one of the Nominating Committee members, **Mane Bubalo, Judy Gajic or Terri Fields**. The Parish Council each year is elected at the Annual Meeting and approved by our bishop. Your talents will be welcomed, appreciated and your works will be blessed. Thank you for your consideration. The Annual meeting will be held at our Church on Feb. 22, 2009.

### **Nomination Com. CORRECTION from last bulletin.**

The Nominating committee for P.C. 2009/10: Mane Bubalo, Judy Gajic & Terri Fields.

\*\*\* For a copy of the minutes from the PC mtg., please call the church office and we will send it to you.

## **CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS**

**ST. SAVA POEMS** - Did you receive them? If not call Fr. Dragan ASAP.

### **WINTER BREAK**

Continues until February the 8<sup>th</sup> 2009.

### **FREE CAMP**

If one has attended Sunday school at least 15 times in the school year our parish will pay for your one-week at New Gracanica camp.

### **YOUTH PROJECT – GIVING TREE**

Dear parishioners, until January 7<sup>th</sup> our youth will be hosting a hat and glove drive. All of the winter wear that we collect will go to the Fay Biccard Glick Neighborhood Center. Your donations will help our friends and neighbors in need, living in Pike and Washington Townships. **Bring any new pairs of warm gloves and hats to put in the box set up in the fellowship hall.** Monetary donations are welcome as well. Contact Alex Schuster ([blackbeltqt@coalcsi.com](mailto:blackbeltqt@coalcsi.com)) or in the afternoons at 317-258-2082) with questions.

### **Dear Parents, Grandparents, and all supporters,**

During this glorious season of giving, your Sunday School Social Committee once again calls upon your generosity. We are always collecting monetary donations to help defray incurred expenses toward our Bozic Celebration gifts. Treats will be distributed to all our children after Christmas Eve Services (Jan 6, 2009) and Christmas Day Liturgy (Jan. 7, 2009). Please see Teta Karen (Hilty) or Teta Jackie (Balfour) with your donations.

On behalf of our Children we thank you for your continued support. **May God Bless you.**

## **CHRISTMAS GIFT FROM OUR CHURCH**

As we have done in the past, thanks be to God we are still able to offer a gift to all present on Christmas Eve (January 6), each person will receive a prayer book. May it be to your health and salvation. Pray for your Church family.

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## **CHOIR NEWS**

We have always been blessed with having at least 3 Choir members who are able to direct our Choir. Now, thanks be to God we have 5 including our Choir Director Bill Christoff and assistant Choir Director Dylan Jenson.

We are sad to announce that our Choir Director & excellent teacher Bill Christof has been asked to Direct the Choir at the Greek Church. Thus, as of January he will no longer be directing our Choir. We will miss him greatly but we wish him all the best. We love you Bill.

We take this opportunity to welcome and thank our new Choir Director Dylan Jenson and our new assistant director \_\_\_\_\_.

## **KOLO NEWS**

Thank you Belinda Sharkey and Perette Davidson for planning the wonderful Christmas Dinner, we had around 30 sisters attending and all had a great time.

**\*\*\* Please bring Lenten dishes and desserts to Church for Christmas Eve – January 6<sup>th</sup>.**

**\*\*\* Christmas Day January 7<sup>th</sup> – PLEASE DON'T BRING LENTEN DISHES - BRING MEAT DISHES, CHEESE DISHES AND MORE MEAT DISHES AND DESSERTS.**

**ROASTED PORK FOR SALE** – See the Flyer in this bulletin for more details. Make sure to put your order in. -- Call Now --

**\*\*\* Special thanks to one of our members who ordered 20 pounds of pork to be served for lunch on Christmas.** Thank you.

**NOTE:** We have Nut rolls and cookies for sale.

**\*\*\*Next Kolo meeting January 11th following Divine Liturgy.**

## **YEAR END REMINDERS**

As the year comes to an end, remember not to discard wall calendar icons. If you will not reuse these icons, please bring them to the Church office.

## **BIBLE STUDY – New Teacher**

With the blessing of Fr. Dragan, **Marko Bojovic** has been teaching the class - Come and learn. The Group meets once a month. We are studying the Prophets. Our next gathering will be January 13<sup>th</sup> following Vespers.

## **BLESSING OF THE WHITE RIVER**

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of January (Theophany) after the Divine Liturgy our Church will get together with the Joy of All who Sorrow Orthodox Church to bless the White River. The Meeting place will be opposite from the Navel Armory, where 30<sup>th</sup> St. & White River crosses. Plan to be there, it is quite an experience. After the blessing of the River please join us for a pitch-in luncheon. Location of luncheon will be announced.

## **BULLETIN SPONSOR-**

If you would like to sponsor a bulletin please call the church office 471-8006

Note: In order to sponsor a bulletin, we are asking for a **donation of \$50.00** or what ever you can give.

## **TAMBURA GROUP:**

**For times and dates of weekly practices leave a message for Dylan Jensen at 471-8006 he will call you back.**

## **TAKING CARE OF OUR HOME - Please**

We hope and pray that each active family of our parish would accept a (meaning at least one) responsibility in regards to taking care of our new home. Father Dragan and/or a P.C. member may call you in the near future on this matter. In the meantime if there is something you prefer committing to please call the Church office as soon as possible. Thank you – we need everyone on board, **everyone.**

## **LOST AND FOUND ITEMS**

All the items left in the Lost and Found box (located in the fellowship hall) will be given away by Christmas. Please check to see if any items belong to you. Thank you.

## **WEDDING ON THE 27<sup>TH</sup>– Please respond**

Marko Bojovic (Seminary Graduate of our Parish) and Biljana Bozinovska (choir member and cantor of our parish) are getting married on the 27<sup>th</sup> of January at 6:30 p.m. – St. Sava day. Call Church office for more details or Biljana at 490-3939. ALL ARE INVITED. **Our Bishop Longin will be present.** Please respond to this invitation thus we can better plan the Wedding Feast. Call or E-mail please.

## **RECYCLE OLD CANDLES**

Please bring in your old (non-scented) candles to church to be recycled into Church candles which are used for prayer.

## **Attic Clean Up**

We are calling for a representative of K.S.S./Choir/SND/ Church School/P.C./Church Office to come on January 31<sup>st</sup> at 10 a.m. for a detail Attic Clean up. We don't want to get rid of something valuable and or necessary for you thus please make sure you are present and willing to help. Thank you.

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## ARE YOU IN NEED OF:

- Hospital Bed
  - Lift Chair
  - Car
  - Van with wheel chair lift
- Call the Church Office.