

# PARISH NEWS

## FROM FATHER'S DESK

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

Everyone is aware of the fact that we have another Serb in town. His name is Pedja Stojakovic & he is a famous basketball player who is playing for the Pacers. Pedja and his family may choose to become part of our community. If they do, they will probably come to church (Even though Pedja is out of town most Sundays). If they do come, it is very important that we greet them as one of the members of the body of Christ & NOT as a celebrity. In other words, as we greet each other. This I'm sure is very important for him & his family, if they choose to grow in Christ here at St. Nicholas Church. Thank you for your understanding.

### BLESSING OF HOMES

Blessing of homes has begun, Please expect my call & Please make every effort to go along with my schedule. I understand that there will be times when this will not be possible. Please note that I bless homes between 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. Also please know that rescheduling disturbs my whole schedule. Thank you for your understanding.

### **Guidelines to observe when the Priest comes to bless your home:**

*A candle, an icon (or cross) and a bowl of water should all be placed on the table facing east.*

*All radios, TVs, stereos, etc., should be turned off.*

*All who are present in the house should come together by the table.*

*Those who wish to join in responding to the service are encouraged to do so.*

*The first names of the members of the household should be clearly printed on a piece of paper.*

*The doors of all rooms should be opened.*

*Pets should be restrained.*

**NOTE:** The Holy Water should be saved and treated with the proper respect. It could be used in food during the year.

**NOTE:** When transferring the Holy Water to another container, you should first wash the original container over grass or a plant in order that none of the remaining droplets go down the sink.

### Tentative Schedule for BLESSING HOMES

- Between the 6<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> of February I'm blessing homes on the South East and North East of Indianapolis as well as New Palestine & Greenfield.

- Between the 13<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> of Feb. I'm blessing homes on the North West and South West of Indianapolis as well as in Speedway, Camby, Mooresville, Greenwood & Martinsville.

- Between the 21<sup>st</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> of February & possibly till March 4th I'm blessing homes in Zionsville, Carmel, Westfield, Noblesville, Fishers & McCordsville.

- Between March 6<sup>th</sup> & March 11<sup>th</sup> I'm blessing homes in Danville, Avon, Plainfield & Roachdale.

\*\*\* Brownsburg, Pittsboro & Clermont, I'm blessing homes during bad weather &/or another convenient time since they are close to my home.

\*\*\* Out of town homes, I'll be blessing on weekends, I'll call you a week in advance: Lafayette, Bloomington, Anderson, Muncie, Marion, Shelbyville, Pendleton, Terre Haute, Kokomo, Seymour & Louisville Ky.

\*\*\* Please make special arrangements to accept me into your home when I'm in the area & please make every effort NOT to reschedule unless you really have to. Thank you.

\*\*\*Dear spiritual children and friends, when you pray please remember our bishop Longin and me (Fr. Dragan) in your daily prayers. Please know that we need it most.

## PRAY FOR YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please pray for the health of:

Judy (Ivancevich), Tomislav, Natasa, Milutin, Diana & Corina Fischetti, Jason, Elena (Milovac), Hadad, Lazar (Prodic), Chester (Tasich), Paul & Tina (Stoyanovich), Kathryn (Ralic), Patty (Staletovich), Milan (Knczevic), and Angeline (Yeftich), Jack (Mertz), Adam...

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

## SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

⊗= under 80    ⊕=over 80

⊖=80    ⊕⊕= over 110

1-1-06 - 65 - ⊗

Christmas Eve - 250 - ⊕⊕⊕⊕

Christmas Day 115 - ⊕⊕

1-8-06 - 51 - ⊗

1-15-06 - ⊕

1-22-06 - ⊕⊕

1-29-06 - ⊕⊕⊕

## CHOIR NEWS

Every year before Sunday of Orthodoxy (this year on March 12<sup>th</sup>) Choir members of all Orthodox Churches come together & practice music, which they sing at the Pan-Orthodox Sunday of Orthodoxy service. Following is the rehearsal schedule for this year 2:00 PM 4:00 PM:

February 19 - Joy of All Who Sorrow

1516 N. Delaware (Downtown)

February 26 - Ss. Constantine & Elena

3237 W. 16<sup>th</sup> St.

March 5 - St. John the Forerunner

1427 Blaine Ave.

## KOLO NEWS

Do you know how to make Prosfora? We are having a Prosfora making & baking day on Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. Please come and join us if you are able.

Prosfora is the bread used for the Divine Liturgy.

## K.S.S. SPONSORED PRE-LENTEN EVENT

We are planning on holding a Cevapcici Dinner on Saturday evening February 25<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30 pm. Our own Tambura group will be the entertainment. Come and join us for some good food and lots of fellowship prior to the upcoming Lenten Season. Everyone is welcome - please invite your friends!

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

**Sunday School will resume on February 5<sup>th</sup> 2006 –Parents Please, Please bring your children.**

**YOUTH (Ages 13-18)**– Please call the church office (636-1404) if you are interested in participating. We are in the process of forming a Pan (All) Orthodox Youth Group of Central IN, which will meet once a month.

### CHILDRENS CHOIR

Did you know that we have a Children's Choir & if your child is in Sunday school they are part of it? They sang part of the Liturgy on Christmas, they did a great job & their practices continue. They practice the first few minutes of Sunday school, their director is Kara Mozina. Do you want your child to be able to respond to Liturgy?

### TAMBURA GROUP -

If interested, please call the church office 636-1404. The Tambura group meets in the Church office after Divine Liturgy. The director is Dylan Jensen.

### FOLKLORE GROUP

If you are interested in joining this fun group call the church office. The Folklore group meets in the largest room in Sunday school after Divine Liturgy. The Choreographer is Nedeljko Djukanovic.

### Note:

If a child belongs to our church & is under the age of 13 he/she should be an active part of Sunday school in order to be part of Tambura/Folklore group. Special dispensation may apply.

### ST. SAVA DAY CELEBRATION GREAT SUCCESS!!!!

St. Sava Day was a huge success. We had 75 participants and over 80 children present. Over 200 souls in Church / fellowship hall. Thanks be to God.

We thank the Kumovi for all they have done for the St. Sava Day Celebration: the Ljoljic Family, Ziveli !!! We thank Milica Lalich for volunteering to be Kuma for next year. God bless all.

The crown to our program was the awesome performances by our Tambura / Folklore groups.

### CHILDREN'S SUMMER CAMP

In the month of July at the monastery of New Gracanica in Illinois, Please plan for it.

## ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

**Feb 5:** Alex Tanaskovich, Ben Staletovich, Alec Mandich

**Feb 12:** Milos Milkic, Steven Stankovich, Matthew Vukas

**Feb 19:** Garret Isch, Brian Isch, Riley Isch

**Feb. 26:** Sam Bennett, Connor Schmok, Christopher Toth

**March 5:** Djordje Mikic, Petar Hood, Matthew Toth

**March 12:** David Bresich, Nikola Rajovic, Stefan Arsieh

**March 19:** Jordan England, Matthew Thomas, Nathaniel Thomas

**March 26:** Mark Mozina, Marko Adams, George Steiner

\* Altar Servers please remember: when you come into the Altar bow down to the Altar table & cross yourself 3 times. Also, whenever you hear the name of the Father, Son & Holy Spirit – rise & cross yourselves. Thank you.

**\*Next meeting: To be announced.**

\*Any Altar server who cannot attend Church the day he is scheduled is to find a replacement and notify the church office at 636-1404.

## BIBLE VERSE OF THE MONTH

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God: everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

*1 John 4:7-8*

Please send us your favorite Bible Verses.

## SAYING OF THE MONTH

"We must be super-conservative in preserving the Orthodox faith, but super-modern in propagating it."

Saint Nikolai Velimerovich

## CHRISTMAS / BOZIC

### Christmas Eve

- 100+ cars parked – all over the place
- Over 250 souls present
- Coin in the Cesnica was found by Abigail Adams

### Christmas

- Over 115 souls present
- First Visitor was Branislav Jordanovic

What a wonderful Christmas we had!!!

## SPECIAL THANKS TO:

- Mara Ogrizovich for donating 2 very nice trays in memory of her daughter.

- Mamie Stoshitch for making and donating a beautiful afghan, which we will be selling tickets for during the upcoming fish fry's.

- Mike / Bosiljak Milatovic for donating a Sony TV for the parish home. Also, a book titled Vukovich by Bob Gates – for our Library .

## BLESSING OF THE WHITE RIVER

This Theophany, God blessed us with an unseasonably mild, sunny day. Through this day of prayer and fellowship, we asked God to bless the water to its original pure state. 25 people were present, with a pitch-in lunch afterward at our church.

## WOULD YOU HELP BUILD OUR NEW HOME

If you would like to help with the building of our new home please call the church office and let us know what type of work you would be interested in doing. We have started a volunteer list. Please, call the church office and include your name on the list.

## FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

**Update letter on the building of our new home was sent recently to all the members and parishioners.**

**Notice:** The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for February 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

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

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## ANNUAL/PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Duties of and Decisions, which are made by the membership at the Church Annual Meeting:

1. Electing a Parish Council for the upcoming year.
2. Establishing a Church budget for the upcoming year.
3. Evaluating the actions of the Parish Council for the past year, and making suggestions for the new Parish Council.
4. Making decisions on the eventual proposed purchases, sales, building, or improvements of Church properties.
5. Making decisions about the needs of the Parish Priest and his family.
6. Making proposals for the Good of the Parish.

**All decisions by the membership are to be approved by the Bishop, the head of our Diocese.**

**Special Note:** Decisions and/or changes that may never be made by the Priest, Membership, or the Parish Council are:

1. The teachings of Jesus Christ and his Apostles.
2. Traditions we have received from the Holy Fathers, especially through the Ecumenical and Provincial Councils.

**B. Duties of and Decisions to be made by the parish Council throughout the year:**

The Parish Council is responsible for the financial and social needs of our St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church which include:

1. The raising of funds for the needs of our Church and missionary work.
2. The administration of the Church with the Priest.
3. Maintenance of Church properties.
4. Organizing social events to encourage fellowship amongst our parishioners and friends.

## ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS & PARISHIONERS

Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for February 26. We look forward to your participation. An official letter was sent out

## PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR 2006-07

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 (stewards) for the coming year, please call the Church office: 636-1404 or Angie Devitt (member of the nominating committee).

The Parish Council is elected at the Annual Meeting and is approved by our bishop. Your talents will be welcomed. Thank you for your consideration.

## MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING

From the Constitution of the American-Canadian Diocese. Article 67: The minimal religious duties of the members of a church-School Congregation are as follows:

1. To guide themselves in their life and work by the principles of Holy Orthodoxy;
2. To regularly attend the Divine Services;
3. To keep the Fasts prescribed by the Holy Orthodox Church;
4. To partake of Holy Confession & Holy Communion;
5. To have all religious services performed by their own priest;
6. To raise and educate their children in the Orthodox Faith and Tradition;

7. To respect their Bishops, Priests, Diocesan and Church-School board members and all elected church bodies and organizations;
8. To cooperate in everything that is conducive to the betterment of the Church-School Congregation and the Diocese;
9. To fulfill their financial obligations with respect to the Church-School Congregation and the Diocese.

**Note from Fr. Dragan:** If at the present time you are not fulfilling all of the above, it is important that you are at least working towards them.

\*\*\* If you are not an Orthodox Christian or if for some reason you cannot satisfy the above, you are considered a Supporting member. We appreciate your support.

## FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

**Membership Dues:** The scheduling of the Annual Meeting is also a reminder to us to renew our memberships with the payment of our annual dues. Early payment of dues is very beneficial to the church and the parish council, which is making plans for the upcoming year.

## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Even though this is an uncomfortable subject to mention, please give some consideration to the following: **PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.**

## BULLETIN SPONSOR- THANK YOU

**Vera (Garcev) Moyer.** In memory of her husband John Moyer.

May his memory be eternal. VJECNAJA PAMJAT

**Note:** In order to sponsor a bulletin, we are asking for a donation of \$200.00 or what ever you can afford.

## BUMPER STICKER OF THE MONTH

Worry will not empty tomorrow of trouble, but it will rob today of joy.

## BOOKSTORE NEWS

A new year has begun for us all. God willing this will be an extraordinary year of blessings. It will also be a challenging year of work to build and move into our new Church Home.

We had a wonderful experience with our bookstore in the past year. We have found excellent resources for teaching and sharing our faith. Parishioners, friends, and visitors have taken advantage of what we offered. We still have a wide variety of books, icons, and faith based gifts for sale.

We truly look forward to serving you in the bookstore in this challenging year. We hope to reduce our inventory (less to have to move to our New Home); yet, we must also offer new options for our best customers and supporters, who shop with us often.

Can you help us? We have catalogues of icons, books, jewelry, and gifts. If you know that you will need crosses or icons for baptisms or weddings, let's get together as early as possible to select from the catalogues. It would be beneficial to our Church, if we special order our needs rather than carrying too much costly inventory. We also have catalogues of books on our faith. Again, we especially want to support those who are studying and contemplating their faith. Let's work together to order in the publications you need and keep our unsold

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inventory reasonable. Some of our resources require minimum orders, so, we also ask your patience as we group special orders together. The frequency we order will depend largely on you and your needs.

Please see or call Jim or Terri Fields, who will be glad to assist and provide catalogues. We are available Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at our church, and after Divine Liturgy on Sundays.

### ORTHODOX YOUNG ADULTS

Orthodox Young Adults of Indiana has been formed. The hope is to unite all Orthodox young adults (ages 18-30) in Indiana together for learning, spiritual growth and fellowship.

For more information you can also call Hanna at: 317-750-7951.

### BIBLE PAMPHLET

The Daily Bible reading pamphlet that was included in the last bulletin follows the new calendar, we are unable to obtain a daily Bible reading pamphlet that follows the old (Julian) calendar. Please refer to the wall calendar that was passed out in church for daily bible readings and fast days. Thank you and sorry if it caused confusion.

### TRIP TO SERBIA –AFFORDABLE

The Serbian Orthodox Church –in the USA & Canada (The Standing Committee of Serbian Language, Culture and Heritage) is planning a Pilgrimage Through the Serbian & Montenegrin Monasteries.

May 11 – 21, 2006 – Please see the brochures posted on the bulletin board at church, or call the church office for more information.

### MISSION TRIP TO KODIAK ALASKA

Scheduled for July 1 – 10<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>. Sponsored by PCCIOCC (Orthodox Churches of Central Indiana) If you are interested call our Church ASAP. Alaska is considered an Orthodox Christian country and the Bishop of all Alaska is of Serbian Descent.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

We especially need to help each other. If there is anyone in the parish who needs a job or is offering a job, or knows people who need employees, please contact the Church office. We may be able to make a match and in such a way help each other.

### ORTHODOX RADIO

You can listen to the Orthodox Christian Radio on the Internet. Visit the following site: [www.receive.org](http://www.receive.org) You will enjoy it very much.

### WHEELER MISSION

After most of our big fellowship events we've been making an effort to share our meal with the hungry in our town. Thus, one of our parishioners loads up the car and takes the food to the Wheeler Mission. If you are interested in being this person, please call the church office, we really need you.

### HELPING THOSE IN NEED

The beginning of January (New Years Day) Dylan & Alison Jensen, Milutin Janjic and Fr. Dragan took food to several needy families in Indianapolis. We also had many new toys donated by Kim Suder's parents to give to the children of these families. If you are interested in helping next year call the church office.

## KSS PRE-LENTEN SOCIAL EVENT!

THE KSS INVITES YOU TO ATTEND  
THIS PRE-LENTEN FAMILY CEVAPCICI  
**DINNER & DANCE**

## SATURDAY

FEBRUARY 25, 2006  
FOLLOWING VESPER SERVICE  
AT APPROXIMATELY 6:30 PM

COME AND ENJOY THE DELICIOUS  
FOOD AND WONDERFUL MUSIC FROM  
OUR OWN TAMBURITZA GROUP &  
RECORDED MUSIC FOR DANCING.

HOT DOGS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE!

THE PROCEEDS WILL BE APPLIED TO  
THE NEEDS OF OUR KSS IN THE NEW  
CHURCH HALL KITCHEN.

PLEASE COME AND BRING YOUR  
FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO CELEBRATE  
PRIOR TO GREAT LENT AND THE  
WORK THAT LIES AHEAD OF US  
PREPARING OUR WONDERFUL  
**FRIDAY FISH FRY!**