

PARISH NEWS

FROM FATHER'S DESK

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

Tentative Schedule for BLESSING HOMES

--Between the 9th & 14th of February, blessing homes on the North, West, and Southwest of Indianapolis, as well as, Speedway, Camby, Mooresville, Greenwood, & Martinsville.

--Between the 16th & 21st of February, blessing homes on the South, East, and Northeast of Indianapolis; as well as, New Palestine & Greenfield.

--Between the 23rd & 28th of February, blessing homes in Zionsville, Carmel, Westfield, Noblesville, Fishers, & McCordsville.

*** Brownsburg, Pittsboro, Clermont, Danville, Avon, Plainfield & Roachdale blessing homes during bad weather and/or another convenient time since they are close to my home.

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

***If I didn't call you for a house blessing, forgive me, call me and I'll be glad to come at your convince.

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 at 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.

BIBLE VERSE OF THE MONTH

Love suffers long *and* is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices

in truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

I Corinthians 13: 4-7

SUNDAY MARCH 8TH OUR CHURCH CLOSED

SATURDAY MARCH 7TH Church OPEN 10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Reason – In the past, every so often in Central Indiana all the Orthodox churches would gather for Divine Liturgy on Sunday of Orthodoxy (first Sunday of Great Lent). The last time we did this was 8 years ago. Thus this year we will come together at the Greek Orthodox Church (New location 106th and Shelborne Road) for Divine Liturgy at 9:30 A.M. Make an effort to be there. New address of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church: 3500 W. 106th Street, Carmel, IN 46032 Tel. 733-3033

Please don't forget (especially those who are not going to go to the Greek Church) we will have Divine Liturgy at our Church the day before: Theodore's Saturday at 10:00 AM. Please Come.

CEVAP DINNER/Dance

Serbian National Defense is sponsoring a Cevap Dinner/Dance: Saturday Feb. 14th (St. Trifun) Starting at 8PM.

“Love is not only love, love is something more...”

Find out about that with DJ BJ Dancing Love Songs

Entrance Fee: \$5.00

*** All proceeds go to the Diocese of Slavonija, the poorest Diocese in our church who suffered recent tragedy.

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TAKE A BOX - GIVE \$50K TO CHURCH

Wouldn't you like to give your church \$50,000.00 – to pay off the mortgage? Yes, Fifty thousand dollars. You probably would, but you can't. Well you can. How? Take a yellow box (located in the Vestibule) home & put \$1.00 in there (yes a dollar a day) and within a year you'll do that. But how? **If all of us participate**, 150 boxes X \$365.00 a family = \$54,750.00.

THE TRICK IS – **ALL MUST PARTICIPATE**

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

YOUTH GROUP ESTABLISHED

Ages 13 to 18. Meets 1st Sunday of each month in Father Dragan's office. Please note, 13 year olds are asked to attend Church School the other 3 weeks. Discussion Leader: Jim Fields. **FIRST MEETING VERY SUCCESSFUL.** following teens were present: George Mikic, Alex Schuster, Jordon England, Alex Tanaskovich, Anna Dawson, Djordje Djurovic, Following decisions were made:

1. Each meeting to begin with a short prayer
 2. Each meeting study the bible.
 3. Have discussion.
 4. Do a couple of service projects a year.
 5. Have several fellowship outings a year.
- Great meeting – come and join us March 1st.

CHURCH SCHOOL BEGINS

February 8th is the beginning of the 2nd semester of Church School. Parents bring your children PLEASE.

YOUTH PROJECT – GIVING TREE

What a wonderful success – over 250 pairs of hats and gloves were donated to the Fay Biccard Glick Neighborhood Center. They said it was the largest donation of its kind ever given.

Thank you to everyone who participated, especially to our youth who organized, worked, and realized service to the community.

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.

ST. SAVA CELEBRATION

It was GREAT! We had 54 participants and even more children present. The program was the best ever. We thank the Karras family for being wonderful Kumovi and for the hand painted Icon of St. Sava from Mt. Athos. We are grateful for next year's Kumovi: Mirko, Marija, Nina & Dara Milivojac. May God Bless all.

CHOIR NEWS

Our choir director of many years, Bill Christoff, has accepted the position of choir director at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church. We are sorry to see Bill go for he has been with us a long time and has done a very good job with our Choir; but, we do want to wish him all the best. **However**, we are honored and privileged that our talented assistant director, Dylan Jensen, has agreed to be our choir director now. He and the rest of our Choir are very anxious to see an increase in our membership, and we would be delighted to get more singers. If you like to sing, can carry a tune, and would enjoy singing liturgical and secular music, please contact Dylan Jensen. Having musical training is not a necessary requirement. Our choir directors always have been good about working with those of us who are just volunteer singers. Now really would be a perfect time to join since Dylan is planning to start having some rehearsals to review old music and to learn some new music. Please give this some serious thought and plan to join us!

Omitted from the last months bulletin: 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 Jensen. We are sad to announce that our Choir Director & excellent teacher Bill Christoff 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 Jensen.

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KOLO NEWS

THANK YOU KSS FROM MARKO & BILJANA

Marko & Biljana Bojovic gifted an icon of the Theotokos to the KSS as a token of appreciation for all that was done for them for their wedding. The following is written on the back of the icon: "To our dear mothers and sisters from the KSS of St. Nicholas Church in Indy,

We gift this icon of the Mother of God as an expression of deep gratitude for their motherly love and care for us and all their joyful help in the preparations of our wedding.

May She also inspire, lead and protect all your future works.

Cordially, Marko and Biljana – St. Sava's Day 2009

FISH FRY DINNERS BEGIN **MARCH 13TH**

***Next Kolo meeting February 15th following Divine Liturgy. KSS Annual Meeting March 1st.

NOTE: We have Nut rolls for sale.

BLESSING OF THE WHITE RIVER



BULLETIN SPONSOR-

This month's sponsors: Father Dragan and family - In Honor of Marija's birthday. Mnogaja Ljeta.

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 afford.

TAMBURA GROUP:

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

RECYCLE OLD CANDLES

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

ARE YOU IN NEED OF:

- Car - Van with wheel chair lift

Call the Church Office

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.**